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# APA Study Finds Being Gay Normal

According to a recent study by an American Psychological Association division, being gay is as healthy and biologically normal as being heterosexual.

The study represents four years of detailed research, and suggests that America's gay community is similar to a religious minority that is not in agreement with social mores. The study also noted an increasing acceptance of homosexuality by heterosexuals.

"Homosexuality is biologically natural since it is world-wide in nature: man, animals," said William Paul, a Harvard Psychology professor who worked on the project. "The new study is important because it is based on documented, scientific research....Lesbian and gay relationships are just as ordinary as relationships between 'straight' people, no difference."

The work concludes that sexual taboos are a m ajor source of discriminatory laws and oppressive majority action, brought about by a dominant religious belief that often seeks to punish, ban, and outlaw.

"If the public has no desire to confront gay persons as an angry persecuted minority," the researchers commented, "then it should stop treating them as such."

The study was approved by the APA division that commissioned it, the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. ■

**nor'mal** (nôr'măl), *adj.* [L. *normalis*, fr. *norma* rule, pattern, carpenter's square.] **1.** According to, constituting, or not deviating from, an established norm, rule, or principle; standard; regular; natural. **2.** *Biol., Immunol., etc.* **a** Unaffected by, or not exposed to, any particular infection or experimental treatment; as, a *normal* animal. **b** Occurring naturally. **3.** *Chem.* **a** *Anal. Chem.* Denoting a solution of such strength that one liter contains one gram atom of replaceable hydrogen or its equivalent. **b** *Physical Chem.* Not associated; as, *normal* molecules. **c** *Org. Chem.* Pertaining to or designating aliphatic hydrocarbons or hydrocarbon derivatives in which no carbon atom is united with more than two other carbon atoms. **4.** *Psychol.* **a** Of or indicating average intelligence or development. **b** Free from mental disorder; not insane or neurotic. — **Syn.** See REGULAR. — *n.* **1.** One who or that which is normal. **2.** The usual condition, degree, quantity, or the like; average; mean. **3.** *Geom.* **a** Any perpendicular; specif., a line or plane perpendicular to the tangent line (or plane) to a curve (or surface) at a point of the curve (or surface). **b** The intercept (on the normal line) between the curve and the *x* axis. — **nor'mal-ly**, *adv.* — **nor'mal-ness**, *n.*

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## "It's a Gay Life" Reporter Dies

Jay Wasserman, the Channel 40 news reporter who put together the T.V. series "It's a Gay Life" in February, died of leukemia August 16. He was 33.

"It's a Gay Life", written, produced, and reported by Wasserman, (**MGW**, March, page 5), has been nominated for the DuPont-Columbia University Journalism Award.

Wasserman was a native of Chicago and graduated from the University of Michigan. He began his career as a reporter for station WILX in Lansing, Michigan. Before coming to KTXL TV 40 in 1979, Wasserman worked for station KJEO in Fresno.

He is survived by his wife, his parents, one brother, and two sisters. The family requests that all remembrances be donated to Israeli causes. ■

## Gay Lover-Adoptions Threatened

**by Richard La Voie**

A bill potentially threatening to adult gay adoptions (one lover adopting another) is moving virtually unopposed through the State Senate. Senate Bill 301 by Alfred Alquist, D-San Jose, is still being heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee, and hearings will resume when the legislature reconvenes in January.

The bill was introduced in an effort to reduce abuses of California's adult adoption laws. It is the result of a case tried in Santa Clara County where the Faith Fellowship Church tried to adopt a number of adult members. The judge denied the petitions, fearing that the proposed adoptees were particularly susceptible to "brainwashing" by church officials. Though current law provides that adult adoptions can be denied as not being in the parties' or the public's best interests, the presiding judge believes greater protection is needed.

SB 301 would, among other changes, require petitioners to state the length and nature of their relationship, their degree of kinship (if any), why the adoption is in the best interests of the parties and the public, and why the adoption is sought. Current adult adoption hearings are confidential and closed, as are child adoption hearings. This bill would make them open and public. In deciding the case, the judge would be allowed to consider evidence, written or oral, regardless of whether it meets Evidence Code standards.

Because legal marriage is not an option open to lesbians and gays, some couples have resorted to adult adoption, where the older lover adopts the younger. This solves many problems with property, insurance, wills, and legal responsibility in the event of a lover's illness or death, since they legally become next-of-kin.

SB 301, if passed into law, would endanger gays in adoption cases heard by judges unsympathetic or hostile to homosexuality and gay relationships. Adoptions are, and would continue to be, granted or denied at the judge's discretion. The likelihood of adoptional denial is significantly increased too, because of the nature and intimacy of the information required from petitioners by this bill.

The bill is formally opposed only by the State Bar Committee on Adoptions, which did not send a representative to testify against it in its committee hearings this summer. The Judiciary Committee vote was five to two in favor of the bill. Hearings will resume in January. ■

## Mary Morgan Appointed Municipal Judge

Governor Brown has appointed the nation's first openly lesbian judge to the Municipal Court of San Francisco.

Mary Morgan, a prominent attorney in the gay rights movement, is Brown's appointee. While her sexual orientation was not alluded to in the Governor's press release, Morgan said she has lived in a stable relationship with a woman for five years and noted that most of her clients are women, many of them gay.

"I think it is...a step forward for the gay and lesbian community," said Morgan after hearing of her appointment. "I think it's important to have more gays and lesbians visible in our society so that people can see there's not an enormous difference between us, and we don't have anything to fear from each other."

Morgan sought support for her application for the judgeship outside of San Francisco proper, feeling that the appointment of herself and other gays and lesbians was to the benefit of the greater gay community. Ms. Morgan was in Sacramento in January and February to solicit letters of support for her application to be sent to Governor Brown. She appeared at a gathering hosted by **MGW** publisher Linda D. Birner and activist Cleve Jones and attended the February 12 meeting of the River City Business Association.

Ms. Morgan is the second gay person appointed to a judgeship by Governor Brown. Two years ago he appointed Stephen Lachs to the Municipal Court in Los Angeles. ■

## Coors Gives to Moral Majority

**by Richard La Voie**

The Moral Majority's 1979 financial report lists a $5,000 contribution by the Coors family, says Gay Alaska magazine. The report indicates that the amount comprised approximately 25% of the MM's political action committee income for that year.

The money was donated by Holly Coors, wife of Adolph Coors Board of Directors President Joseph Coors. News of the contribution was made available to Gay Alaska by a report issued by the Federal Election Commission.

"What makes this Coors contribution unusual," says Gay Alaska editor Eugene Haberman, "is the well-known fact that Adolph Coors Company has been undertaking a strong commitment toward improving their one-time deteriorated reputation toward gays and other minorities. In the past several months, (Coors) has placed a series of paid advertisements in a number of gay publications throughout the country trying to improve their public image and gain support for their product."

Two years ago Coors donated a large delivery truck to the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. The truck was received by church founder Rev. Troy Perry, who said at the time: "...I recognize it as a token of friendship and cooperation between our people and the Coors organization."

Coors officials were quick to point out that the donation to the political action committee of the Moral Majority was a personal contribution from the Coors family, and not on behalf of the corporation. Holly and Joseph Coors were unavailable for comment.

In the May, 1979 edition of the Seattle Gay News, owners of gay businesses expressed concern that the Coors family was contributing to anti-gay right wing organizations. John Seese, Civic Affairs manager for the Coors company, responded by saying, "Joe Coors has never given money knowingly to any person or organization that was anti-gay." ■

## Contest Winner

Bruce King is the winner of the weekend for two at **The Woods** in Guerneville, on the Russian River. Bruce won the contest by filling out the Reader's Survey Questionnaire that was in the August issue of **Mom...Guess What! Newspaper.**

## CHRA To Call It Quits

**by Richard La Voie**

Lack of popular support has taken its toll on California's gay legislative lobby: California Human Rights Advocates closed its doors in July with no plans to resume operations on any level in the near future.

The lobby had operated without paid staff since July 1980, when Alan Robertson, the organization's lobbyist, resigned for lack of a regular paycheck. Two months before, office manager Jan Rudolf had resigned for the same reason. Volunteers were recruited to run the office, but lobbying functions came to a halt.

Since 1978, CHRA had maintained an office in the Forum Building, a short walk from the Capitol. The building was condemned in April as a fire hazard, and all 124 offices were forced to vacate by July. CHRA attempted to find office space in the vicinity, only to discover that rents were averaging at least twice as much as they had been in the Forum Building. This financial setback, coupled with declining membership and volunteer energy, finally forced the Board of Directors to admit that their efforts had not paid off. The office was vacated, the furniture stored, and office supplies parcelled out to the few volunteers who remained.

In its heyday, the lobby was instrumental in pushing Assembly Bill One (Agnos), the gay employment rights bill, through two committees successfully. In 1979, CHRA organized a Constituent Lobby Day, drawing gays and supporters from all over the state to talk to legislators about gay concerns and to press for passage of AB1. The organization kept a constant watch on legislation pertaining to gays and lesbians, frequently sending out legislative alerts and press releases. However, name recognition was always low. Many people confused CHRA with Gay Rights Advocates (a legal firm), or the Sacramento Human Rights Commission. Some did not know the organization was gay-identified.

CHRA was criticized publicly and privately for its financial difficulties. Insufficient staff caused work backlog; newsletters were often late, many never getting sent out at all. Membership records were inaccurate and out-of-date. Field work was done, but follow-up was usually impossible. Local chapters which had opened in various cities in the state became inactive. Members dropped out. Many of those familiar with the lobby perceived it as a perpetual loser, either from rumors of poor management or its inability to raise much-needed funds.

The Board of Directors is planning to put CHRA into a corporate holding pattern, which involves limiting membership to the Board only and banking all assets to be donated to any future organization interested in lobbying. This would allow another group to take over the organization, change the name, and be spared the difficulties of incorporating and getting tax-exempt status.

Many gays in California are interested in starting a new lobby organization, though efforts have not been organized and consolidated. There is still some support from the public and the gay press for the idea of professional lobbying. Anyone interested in the subject should contact Richard La Voie at "**Mom...Guess What! Newspaper**" (456-5858). ■

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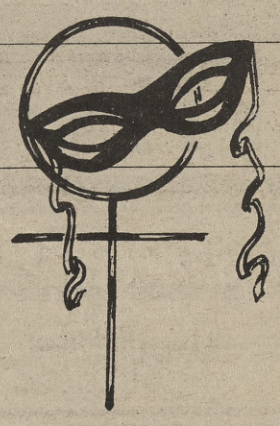

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# From the Inside Out

## I'm OK – You're OK – Really!!!

Extra! Extra! **"Being Gay Is Normal, Study Finds."** This *Sacramento Bee* headline most probably caught the eyes of many moralists and put them into deep shock. The headlines refer to a recent statement made by the American Psychological Association (APA) during its convention in Los Angeles.

Even though the word "normal" has no concise definition in most people's minds, the findings of this particular study have drawn some powerful conclusions about gay lifestyle in a very positive way. Even though some of us were not surprised to find out that we are "normal", it is necessary to have some backing from non-gay professionals. A team of 31 natural and social scientists spent four years collecting data so that the study would be based on documented, scientific research rather than opinions of a handful of mental health professionals.

The scientists view America's gay community as a "religious minority at odds with social mores." They feel there is an increased acceptance of gays even thjough moralists have been campaigning so heavily against them. According to one of the study's originators, William Paul, homosexuality is biologically natural because it occurs all over the world, and it is a spontaneous occurrence. He feels that the evidence found in the study should eliminate the old theory about gays being "sick".

The study continues to point out that attempts to "cure" gays are ethnically questionable. Just think of all that money parents can save because they won't have to send their "confused" son or daughter to the shrink! The APA along with the 31 scientists deserve a standing ovation for **documenting** that gay lifestyle is "just ordinary folks, a lot more like straight people than different..."

Now it is time for us to pick up the ball. We face the biggest challenge...**we need** to believe that we are "normal". How can our friends, relatives and co-workers buy into gays being "normal" if we continue to lie about ourselves and live in fear that "someone will find out!" The scientists have done their job; now we must do ours. The more accepting we are about who we are, the better chance we have for acceptance from others. This is true for all people whether gay or not.

This is not to say that each of us has to walk into the office tomorrow morning waving flags of lavender and making "the big announcement." People around us can figure us out without our saying anything at all. So many gays believe that because they've played all the game that everyone believes they are "straight".We are living in a society that is a lot more "hep" to us than most of us care to believe. The joke is on you everytime you talk about the "chick" you went out with when in fact everyone in your office knows you were with that "guy".

We have to accept some of the responsibility for how people feel about us. It is very uncomfortable at first, when there is uncertainty about how others will react to our sexuality. How you come across to them will influence their reaction. It is amazing how much energy it takes to lead a "double life" which, in fact, does more harm to our minds and bodies than if we were to think that "I am a terrific person — I like me and I like all of my friends **and** I'm very happy being a gay person." When we believe in ourselves — then, the **APA Study** will not have been in vain.

**Frank J. Lawler Jr.**
**Editor**

## Gay Night at Marriott's Biggest Event for Bay Area

The Great Outdoors Adventures, sponsored for Gay Night at Marriott's Great America, has announced an expected 15-20,000 people to attend on October 10. It is believed this will be the biggest event ever for the Bay area.

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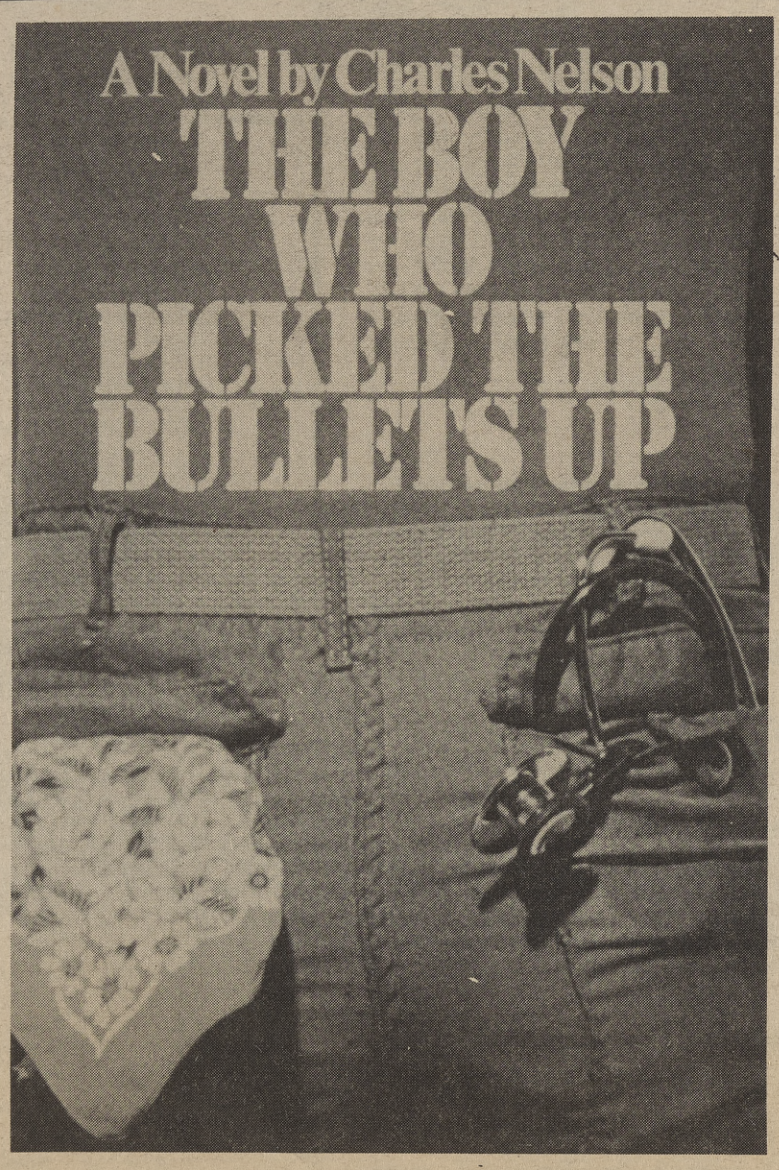


## A Vivid Account of A Gay Man at War

***The Boy Who Picked the Bullets Up,* William Morrow & Company, 105 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016. Hardcover, $13.95.**

**Reviewed by Tim Kelleher**

If you have enjoyed the so-called onslaught of ''gay'' novels dribbling at us over the past decade and have been waiting for one to top the emotional pitch of **The Front Runner,** you may just find your cup-o-tea in Charles Nelson's **The Boy Who Picked the Bullets Up!** Combining struggles about gayness with the current resurgence (or ongoing exploitation) of the Vietnam Vet's struggle for justice, Nelson has walked right into a verdant knoll of sympathy from most of us. Attempting to draw together the fragments of awareness that most of us have about 'that' war, while simultaneously layering an often tongue-in-cheek peep into the mangled sexual confusion of our men (boys) as they relate to each other, Nelson has valiantly weaved a refreshing portrait of one man's self-exploitation in a world of multifaceted degeneration.

Knowing little about Kurt Strom, the central figure, before his induction into the Marines, we are drawn to his clever mind, viperous tongue, and scathing wit within the first few pages. Nelson uses emotion-packed letters written to the folks, grandfolks, outcast cousin, straight sports buddy, and best gay friend to portray the slow development of a young man's fears, hopes, and certainly cynical wading into an environment of male negativism. I found myself quickly intrigued by what Kurt writes home to his divorce-decadent parents, his bright and contemporary grandmother, and his ''in-on-it-all'' female cousin, Chloe.

Dealing with the women in his life is one thing, and how he deals with the men in his life is another. We gays have to couch our real feelings to the straight men we know, and Strom's letters demonstrate adept couching. His best friend, Paul, a gay man to whom Kurt writes of his sexual exploits (or, in most situations, non-exploits) makes the reader laugh! Strom has an enviable way with words, and through his letter dialogues, we can see a quick mind and fearsome appetite for language and semantics that allow him to make it through the killing, the death, the mutilation, and the terror of war.

The same fully thought-out rhetoric clearly exposes us to Kurt's relationship with his ex-baseball team buddy, Arch. Whether Kurt wants to love this man sexually or not is incidental to the fact that portraying what he feels about being in the Marines—dealing with uneducated and boring squad-mates, puffed-up sergeants, captains and platoon leaders—makes all the more clear the depth of their feelings for each other.

Perhaps the most successful element of **The Boy Who Picked the Bullets Up** is Nelson's ability to present several sides of the same experience through one character's written re-telling. I have always been leary of the memoir syndrome so popular these days, particularly in fiction. Yet with the arrival of this book, I am ready to change my mind.

Nothing is further from the truth than to say that Nelson, himself a Viet-Vet, has splashed around in self-pity or unvented anger while pouring out his soul through the character of Kurt Strom. The author is not beating the drum for action. He is beating the drum for understanding. With endless humour and devastating realism, the sorrowful mind-style of a brilliant (if not self-centered and cryptic) soldier of little fortune is revealed in Kurt Strom. Nelson has put us right there, with one young man, vying for an inner reason why all of this is happening around him, wishing it weren't, and demanding that there is more to it when there isn't. Kurt Strom, plying his friends with what they want to hear, plugs his ears to the cacophony of sorrow, the death knell of men fearing what is beautiful in each other, and screams that love, sex, and human warmth are just the same old things anywhere, anytime, anyhow!

Remembering the cathartic flow of events in Vonnegut's **Catch 22,** Nelson's **The Boy who Picked the Bullets Up** may perhaps not do for 1980s what Vonnegut did for the '60s. That void of blank intuition about the falsehoods of war and hate, the stabbing frankness of ugly brutality, or the wizened pretension of valour are not in **The Boy Who Picked the Bullets Up.** What is there, however, is a well proportioned glimpse at a fairy's flight to hell, told after he's had time to think about his burns, had time to live with them for a while. Strom says at one point ''...foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds''. There's nothing small about Charles Nelson's mind, and if this first novel made strong by fastidious consistency throughout is any indication of future hobgoblins, I, for one, am ready to be gobbled up. ■


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# Between The Covers: Book Reviews

## An Anthology for Lesbians and Gays

***A True Likeness* edited by Felice Picano, The Sea Horse Press, 307 West 11th Street, New York, NY 10014, 353 pages in paperback, $9.95.**

**Reviewed by Joyce Bright**

**A True Likeness** is the first anthology of lesbian and gay writings. It includes 15 short stories and two short plays. Sixteen poets are represented. Both in variety and quality, it is outstanding.

The first selection, an excerpt from Edmund White's third novel, is a kaleidoscope of images. "I worked an Addressograph machine with a woman of 40 who, like a restless sleeper tangled in sheets, tossed about all day in her fantasies." This selection is beautifully textured —writing at its best. When I finished, I was so excited I sat my roommate down and read it to her.

The second selection by Jane Rule, one of my favorite lesbian writers, is simple in contrast to the White piece. But it is no less eloquent or well written.

Two selections stand out in my mind as representing lesbian and gay humor: "Margot's Novel" by Emily Sisley, and "Moritz Goes to a Garden Party" by Robert Herron. They are both tongue-in-cheek take-offs that made me laugh out loud.

The poetry is of equal quality; polished and full of tension. It expresses the full range of human emotions. I was most impressed with the poems of Walta Borawski, although space does not allow for an adequate quote.

Of special note is the introduction of Kerric Harvey. Picano says of her: "I find these poems beautifully crafted and realized with intensity, humor, and shades of delicacy..." He's right.

Ian Young's poetry is powerful in its simplicity. For example, "Blue Violet (faithfulness)"

Tonight,
waiting for you,
I sleep lightly
on your side of the bed

The two short plays at the end of this anthology only hint at the talent of their writers. But then plays are written to be performed, not read.

If I had to pick one book to represent the talent, genius, and sensitivity of gay and lesbian writers, **A True Likeness** would be the book. There is a sensitivity to life here that positively cries out. No wonder that homosexuals are so prevalent in the arts.

**A True Likeness** should be mandatory reading for gay and lesbian study classes. It is an artistic achievement! ■

## Hollywood Chic

***The Long Shot* by Paul Monette, Avon, 1981, New York, 324 pages in paperback, $5.95**

**Reviewed by Joyce Bright**

Over the last several years, Avon has pioneered gay releases. They have reissued **The Well of Loneliness**, published **Gay American History**, and given us many novels. **Gaywyck** was my favorite.

One might say their publications have been uneven. But, another way of looking at this is that they do offer variety—something for every taste.

**The Long Shot** is 1940 Hollywood chic set in 1980. Dashill Hammet or the movie "Sunset Blvd." comes to mind. Greg is gay and a failed screen writer. He lives in the Hollywood Egyptian—a cross between a Hollywood prop and art nouveau. He has a sleazy business going for himself, autographing photographs of the stars. It pays the bills.

Greg has a one night stand with a young transient living in his building. When the young man turns up dead in what looks like a double suicide, Greg thinks something isn't quite right. His relationship with the young man **could** have been love. Greg decides to investigate.

The second member of the double suicide is Jasper Cokes. He is **the** leading man and adored idol of the nation. His wife Vivien, if not the wealthiest woman around, is right up there.

So, in this well-paced who-done-it, we get to look at the famous and wealthy. Of course, the wealthy are not happy nor do the famous have much fun.

However, I didn't care much for this book. There are a few grammatical errors. Vivien is boringly vacuous. Greg is not your stereotype gay, and that is nice. But he feels bitter and sorry for himself as a failed, unappreciated talent, and he is only 32! Now I know cynicism is the rage, but one is not a failed writer at 32, and it's hard to sympathize with someone who feels doomed at that age.

Because I wanted to know how it ended, I couldn't put the book down. Yet the ending, for me, was slightly disappointing. But, then, there was a grim sense of justice about it.

I really don't recommend **The Long Shot.** If you have nothing else to read, or if you are addicted to this kind of setting, you may enjoy it. The book was not awful. It just wasn't satisfying. ■

## Solidarity Day Attracts Gays

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Definition News Agency) — Solidarity Day against Reaganomics became Integration Day for openly Gay participants. The AFL-CIO event attracted Gay activists eager to gain credibility with AFL-CIO in hopes that union would ease its opposition to seating Gay Rights National Lobby on the Leadership Conference, an umbrella group of human rights organizations.

Iron Workers approached one of three clusters of Gay rights pickets. The laborers' anger evaporated as the Gay activists vigorously argued that Reagan's allies impact on the Gay population as much as on union, Hispanics, Blacks, disabled and other segments of the country. An hour later, the workers were still clustered about the Gay rights sign, by now in an animated but friendly conversation.

In a related development, Gay demonstrators expressed considerable annoyance with NOLAG (National Organization of Lesbians and Gays) for acquiesing to AFL-CIO demands that they keep a low profile and not raise the Gay issue per se. Ray Melrose, a spokesperson for NCBG (National Coalition of Black Gays) which joined with NOLAG in keeping the lower profile, stated that his group simply didn't consider homophobia its first or even second priority (listing racism and sexism instead).

The demonstrators shown here had no affiliation with NOLAG/NCBG. Four demonstrators from New York arrived with two banners, and Gays wandering through the crowd began joining the original four.

One union worker bought a pink triangle button after the hour debate had progressed to conversation, explaining it was "for a friend."


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## Labor Day and More to Come at the Woods

Photo by Mick Hicks

Although Labor Day weekend traditionally signals the end of summer on the East Coast, here on the West Coast it simply marks the beginning of a hopefully long and warm Indian Summer.

With this in mind, the Woods Resort at the Russian River threw a party celebrating the beginning of Indian Summer. The natives were restless, the tribal sounds familiar and the entertainers some of the best that beads could buy.

Head music man Paul Duggan kept the crowd stomping until 4 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday nights, and lighting chief Steve Mart worked his magic on the sweat covered crowd. That ol' familiar medicine man, Sylvester, entertained the tribes on Saturday night; and Two Tons of Fun, who more than lived up to their name, gave Sunday night's crowd a performance that shook the teepee.

And if those two first class acts weren't enough to stir up a war party, San Francisco's Entertainer of the Year, Sharon McNight, performed both nights to a crowd who experienced a woman destined to become one of the top stars of the country.

1981 still has a lot of room left in it, so the head chieftans at the Woods are already replacing the teepees with pumpkins. Halloween looks as if it will be the next extravaganza on the Woods' schedule. If Indian Summer lingers into late October, the possibility of seeing dark-skinned Indians dancing around pumpkins will be most likely. ■

# The Dedicated Diner

## Restaurant in France Serves Perfection

**Hotel Restaurant Lameloise. 36 Place d'Armes, 71150 Chagny, France. Closed all day Wednesday and Thursday lunch. Visa accepted. Reservations essential.**

**by Lawrence Press**

It is a truism that French cuisine is one of the most developed, refined, and quality conscious in the world. (Chinest cuisine is the only possible rival.) This is the result of many centuries in which the French have cultivated their fertile fields and, using the superior products of these fields, demanded genius and painstaking effort from their chefs to create a magnificent and unique cuisine. The advent of all sorts of gleaming modern and rapid transportation has strengthened this demand, giving the chef and therefore the diner access to the freshest products possible. This attention to food is not amazing in a country where peaches are sold ripe and soft, and the aroma of really ripe melons seeps all through the vegetable shops (supermarkets are a rarity).

The French dining public expects and demands the best and freshest, especially from the fine restaurants. Extracts, canned or frozen products are completely unacceptable. Any restaurant trying to fool the public will only fool itself — and quickly go under. Good French restaurants don't usually have bars or lounges — the food must carry the restaurant, not the liquor.

The main components of success in this demanding world are first, perfection of food in all its senses — appearance, smell, taste, and texture. The chef makes an effort to create something pleasing and new to extend his clients' tastes into making fine distinctions and detecting subtle variations.

Second, perfect surroundings also contribute in large part to enjoyment of the perfect meal. These include impeccable table settings on spotless linen, heavy silver tableware instead of stainless, delicate crystal stemmed glasses, and a bouquet of fresh and colorful but relatively unfragrant flowers. The atmosphere is perfected by the lack of any music — conversation is somehow more conducive to fine dining. Smoke is at a minimum, too.

Perfect service is the third aspect of perfection — unobtrusive, well schooled in politeness and tact, but always watching, ready without a request to refill an almost empty wineglass or ensure that there's bread in the basket: in short, the service anticipates your every wish during the meal.

The Hotel Restaurant Lameloise, in the very small town of Chagny (less than 6,000 inhabitants) in the Burgundy region of central France, has put all of these ingredients together, to which the owner and head chef, Jean Lameloise, adds the spark of genius. I am certainly not the first diner to make the discovery of this most admirable restaurant — that honor must go to many others, including the anonymous inspectors of the Michelin Red Guide, who believe that this restaurant is so good it merits a special journey just to dine there.

Arriving after a call to reserve a table, we were quickly led to our table by the maitre d'hotel. Before even the menu was brought, two hors d'oeuvres were brought out as finger food — a light-as-air puff paste nibble, and a bit of toast barely an inch across with an onion shaped dome of creamy mousse with finely minced fresh herbs.

Then the menu was brought — a massive document elegantly printed. There was a page of a la carte items and several complete dinners, "menus" in French. I selected the "menu de degostation" (tasting menu) — a large number of dishes, each served in small quantity. This allows the chef to present his best work and most recent creations to an admiring public. The tasting menu is a result of the nouvelle cuisine and the personality cults of the most famous chefs.

An appetizer, the real of the menu, was an extremely light pate, composed of lobster chunks and very finely minced pimentos in a bisque sauce was garnished with a few thinly cut strips of butter lettuce.

Next came the "Foie gras au fond du haricots verts". A large slice of simply poached goose liver almost completely covered the salad underneath. The smooth and rich and subtle foie gras married well with the symmetrically placed leaves of slightly bitter endive, sweet red leaf lettuce, and slightly simmered string beans not more than two inches long. An almost vinegarless dressing made with walnut oil dressed the vegetables. This jewel was accompanied by perfectly browned toast made from brioche dough.

Crayfish tails (similar but milder in flavor than lobster and a tenth the size) came next. They presented a glorious harmony of pink, coral, and ivory white, simply simmered in a lightly spiced court bouillon before being shelled and placed in the light orangish coral of the lightese imaginable crayfish butter. The result was superb — very delicate and light, a subtle flavor that almost melted on the tongue.

Following the crayfish came an escalope de brochet — a slice of pike, a freshwater fish not available in California. It was gently poached before being bathed in a white butter sauce flavored with shallots, thyme, and onion. The fish was firm but flaky. Alongside this on the same plate was a mince of fresh peeled and seeded tomato with a bit of saffron and other subtle influences.

To clear the tongue after these subtleties, a "Granite au coulis de cramant" was served. This consisted of a very light citron (similar to lemon) sherbet resting in a glass of slightly sparkling champagne. Following the granite came the main course — medium rare slices of wild roast duck breast beautifully arranged on the plate, covered with a silky smooth but not thick sauce composed of its own blood, old Burgundy wine, shallots, and other unknown and barely detectable ingredients. A side dish of Pommes Dauphinos came too — potatoes baked in the richest of cream until tender and smooth. Not a bit of cheese was used.

Cheeses followed the duck — not just a few but a whole cart of them. The finest of France's produce — the well known Brie, Pont L'Eveque, and Reblochon shared the cart with Brillat Savarin, a local soft and sweet cheese, local salty and tangy goat cheeses, so small they are merely a bite on the end of a toothpick, and 30 or 40 other kinds of cheese, too.

Like the last stretch around the track of a long race came the desserts. These only began with a whole platter of little liquer-filled cherries and pineapple chunks glazed in crackling sugar, almond wafers that melted on the tongue, tiny shortcakes baked to crispness. In addition, served as a separate course, was a tiny square, maybe an inch and a half on a side of lemon meringue cake. On a base of liqueur soaked sponge cake, a light soft and silky merengue was spread, with zests of fresh lemon added to give a full lemon flavor. This was basted lightly with a sweet lemon sauce — transparent with the slightest tinge of light gold.

The main dessert then followed — called Gratin de Framboise; it consisted of a single, carefully arranged layer of fresh raspberries partially covered with the lightest of a light merengue, then quickly browned and served warm — the raspberries releasing their full flavor while retaining their freshness. This dish was an amazing miracle — I've never seen or tasted anything quite like it.

In a restaurant of this order of greatness, the food is the primary but not the only miracle. This restaurant is set in a 16th century manor house facing a square in town. It's decorated with a few choice provincial antiques — sideboards, trestle tables, a large walnut and gold leaf grandfather clock. Each table had fresh flowers — not one or two but rather a whole colorful bouquet, each one unique to the table. Fragrant flowers are avoided — they could cloud the perception of the food's flavor. Each table is set with crystal — but not cut crystal — wine glasses, shimmering silver, and plates of Limoges china. All this is on gleaming white perfectly pressed linen tablecloths. Music is blissfully absent.

Service is a delightful miracle — especially perhaps to Americans used to having food handed to them without ceremony by a single waiter who must bear responsibility for a whole section of tables. It's formal but not too intimidating. Each dining room (there are two) has six tables, its own headwaiter, three other waiters, a busboy, and a wine steward as well. You look at an almost empty wine glass to serve as a hint — immediately your glass is refilled.

The wines are poured so carefully that when the appropriate courses for that bottle are finished, by a miracle the bottle is empty as well, except for the few drops containing any sediment. Red wines — almost all Burgundies — since the Lameloise is within 20 miles of almost all of Burgundy's greatest vineyards — are brought out immediately after the wine is ordered. Then, after presentation, the wine is opened to give it time to breathe. It is ordered from a pages-long, fine print wine book, strongest in Burgundies and also Champagnes. (California wines are completely absent.)

A meal like this is never hurried, and at the Lameloise, lunch or dinner can take three or four hours. Service is leisurely, tailored to your own pace. And at the end, the check isn't brought until called for. If you're not prepared for it, you might call for a vielle fine Champagne (Cognac) to ease the shock. You should expect to spend $100 to $150 per person, including food, wines, service, and, of course, the vielle fine. ■

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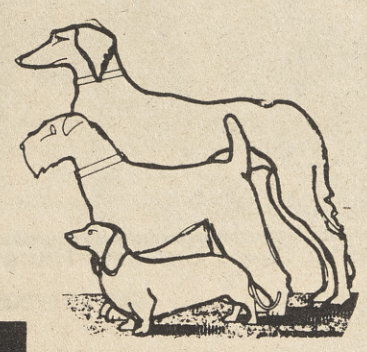

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# News Clips

**by Richard La Voie**

**''We Picked Toronto's Brains''**
Police in Edmonton, Canada, closely studied Toronto's police raids on gay establishments for pointers on how to do a bang-up job themselves in the raid on Edmonton's Pisces Spa, a gay bathhouse. ''We picked Toronto's brains,'' said Morality Staff Sergeant John Torgerson, who directed the raid. ''We wanted to know the pitfalls they fell into...and what they looked for.'' Toronto police have denied any such contact with Edmonton police. 60 men were arrested at Pisces: 56 as found-ins, four as keepers of a ''common bawdy house''.

**Kinsey Faces Uncertain Future**
Lack of Federal funds may put an end to the Kinsey Institute's research on homosexuality, says Institute researcher Alan Bell. ''Everything has come to a standstill,'' says Bell, who worked on the soon-to-be-released study on the development of sexual orientation. The study has been hailed by gay leaders as the most socially and politically significant work on homosexuality in recent years, although it may indicate a prospect to biologically eliminate homosexuality in future generations. **MGW** will carry a full report on the study when it becomes available.

**Fire & Brimstone Preached on Castro**
Ten Christian evangelists were arrested on Castro Street Sunday, September 6, for disturbing the peace. The group arrived on Castro armed with bullhorns to spread the word on the ''evils of homosexuality''. (Un)fortunately, they did not have a bullhorn permit, and the six-man, four-woman team was soon hustled off in a paddy wagon.

**Lesbian Slang?**
New York City News, a gay paper in the Big Apple, is compiling info on whether or not Lesbian slang exists. Other questions are: do lesbians have a distinct language? does it come from different cultures? is it more than a few words? Input is requested from lesbians of all cultures and can be sent to: New York City News, Box 2171, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163.

**Donahue ''Promotes Abnormal Sex''**
TV's Phil Donahue Show is under attack by the National Federation of Decency. The NFD has announced it will encourage a boycott of the show's advertisers. ''Approximately two out of five shows are sex-oriented,'' says the NFD, ''and most of them promote abnormal sex.''

**Illinois to Get Gay Lobbyist**
The Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force is seeking applicants for a new paid position of executive director and lobbyist. The hiring of an executive director by the Task Force will make Illinois the second state in the U.S. to have a full-time paid lobbyist for gay issues (Florida currently has one. California's lobbyist, with CHRA, resigned in 1980.). Interested applicants should contact: Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Box 909, Chicago, Ill. 60690.

**Ohio Disc Jockey Cleared of Obscenity Charges**
John Zeh, the Cincinnati disc jockey accused of distributing obscene material to juveniles, was cleared in August when a judge dismissed the charges. Judge Peter Outcalt said Zeh did not violate the law, since he presented the material to the general public, not specifically to minors. Zeh had read a humorous article from ''First Hand'' magazine dealing with sexual lubricants on his radio program ''Gaydreams''.

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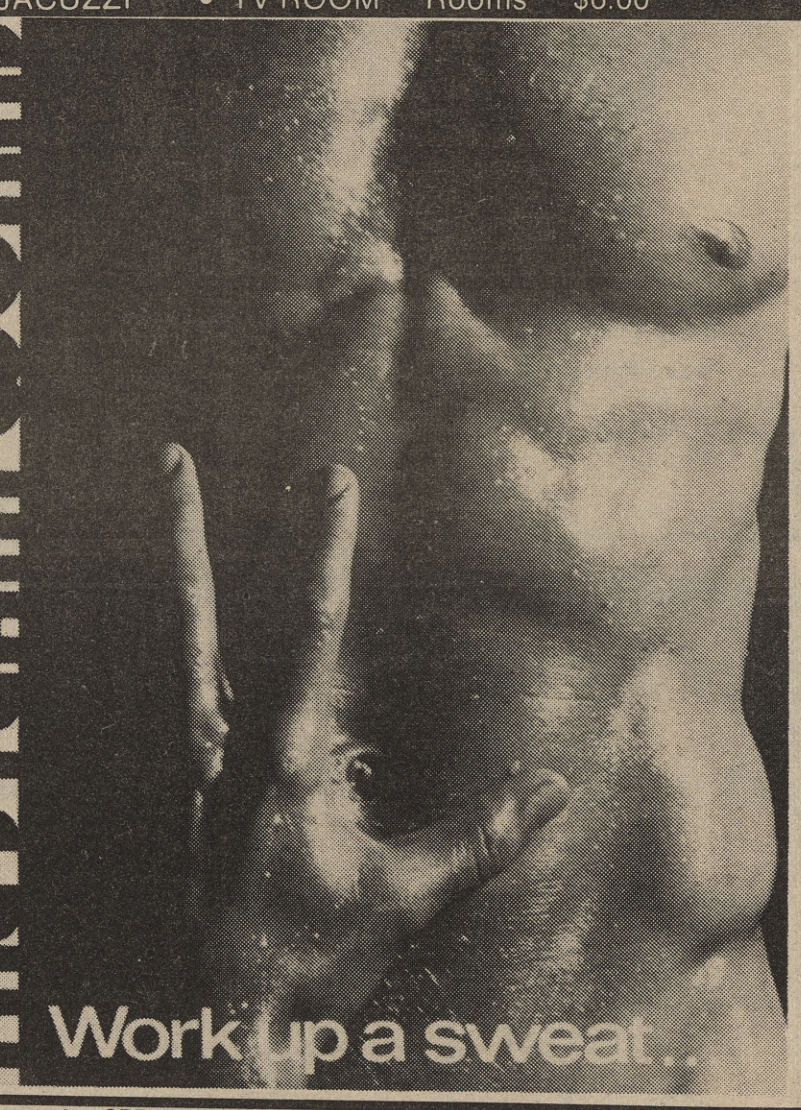


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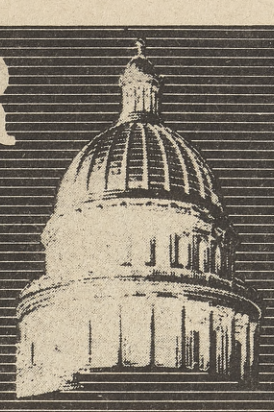

**Political Editor: Richard La Voie**

## L.A. Political Action Committee Broadens Scope of Activities

Founded in 1977, MECLA is a Political Action Committee—a PAC—formed for the purpose of supporting and contributing campaign funds to political candidates who support human rights and, in particular, gay and lesbian rights. In its early years, MECLA contributed primarily to Los Angeles City Council and other local races. Over the past few years, however, MECLA has expanded its contributions to include these local races as well as regional, county, statewide and national races where the candidate has some constituency in Los Angeles.

Since its founding, MECLA has become the largest and strongest PAC supporting gay rights.

In the coming years, MECLA hopes to actively encourage and participate in the formation of similar Political Action Committees in other cities in California and across the nation. MECLA also will seek to expand its already significant support from heterosexuals. Said Co-Chair Steve Smith, ''There is no such thing as a gay or lesbian majority. But there is a majority that believes in respecting the dignity and worth of all human beings. That belief and that sort of decency is the basis of our appeal to non-gays.'' ■

## S.F. Gay Rights Law Attacked by City Attorney

In a move which shocked and outraged the City's gay community, San Francisco City Attorney George Agnost has challenged the constitutionality of the local gay rights ordinance, a law he approved ''as to form'' three years ago.

Agnost expressed his doubts about the law while preparing the defense for the City's War Memorial Board, which is accused of violating the law when it fired Managing Director Michael J. Raines last year.

City Supervisor Harry Britt called Agnost's action ''the latest in a series of outrages'' and introduced a motion directing the attorney to uphold the constitutionality of the law whenever it is challenged in court. The motion passed 7-0.

Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver, also an attorney, noted that Agnost's attack on a law he is specifically empowered to enforce has created a conflict of interest situation and declared he must ''forego this particular defense,...send us to another lawyer, or else find another lawyer for the War Memorial Board.''

Agnost questioned the constitutionality of the law in August, saying the matter is ''an open question which must ultimately be decided in the California courts.'' ■

## Write To Your Representatives

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## NGTF Gears Up To Challenge the New Right

**Executive Committee Mounts Offensive**

In direct response to the growing right wing offensive against the gay community, the NGTF Executive Committee of the Board of Directors met the weekend of August 8-9, 1981 to review immediate and long-term NGTF goals. At the close of two days of planning and debate, the Executive Committee of the National Gay Task Force pledged the organization to challenge the new right on every front possible.

To this end, the Executive Committee decided that all three existing NGTF program areas—Civil Rights Advocacy, Public Education, and National Community Organizing—shall be turned to the task. Immediate NGTF actions cited:

**1.** A national media education and petition campaign to defeat the Family Protection Act (FPA), recently introduced in the U.S. Congress. The bill would affect many groups besides gay people—women, racial and ethnic minorities, teachers—but it specifically targets gay people for discrimination. NGTF's **Stop the FPA** campaign will be launched formally at a press conference in Washington, D.C. in mid-September (exact time and location to be announced).

**2.** Hire a full-time NGTF Director of Civil Rights Advocacy to be based in Washington, D.C. beginning October 1, 1981. The individual who holds this vital new staff position will: (1) monitor all Federal policies affecting the lesbian and gay community nationally, (2) will establish a Washington, D.C. gay rights advocacy base to influence **Federal** policy making, and (3) will serve as chief liaison between NGTF and other national organizations working for lesbian and gay rights.

**3.** Form and activate a national Speakers Bureau, enlisting the talents and expertise of gay and non-gay educators, health workers, religious leaders, business and legal professionals, politicians and media professionals, to speak out at targeted public forums against new right attacks on the lesbian and gay community.

**4.** Produce a series of educational ''How-To'' brochures and fact sheets to be distributed nationally, including a primer on the Family Protection Act, how to stop the right wing, how to raise money for gay rights projects, and sample letters for write-in campaigns on gay rights issues.

**5.** NGTF will employ the services of the New York public relations firm of Geto and DeMilly and the direct mail consultants Elizabeth Broder & Associates to insure maximum public exposure for the actions outlined above.

**Long Range Plans**

**1.** Working with Public Interest Law Firms to coordinate a national legal strategy for lesbians and gay men with regard to military regulations, immigration policy, sodomy statutes, discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations, and child custody suits.

**2.** Hiring this year two additional full-time staff positions, one devoted to media advocacy and one to develop and implement NGTF's on-going public education campaign.

**3.** Help coordinate a national strategy to monitor, report and combat anti-gay violence.

**4.** Develop and implement a national strategy to win ''equal time'' on the nation's air waves.

**5.** Build a campaign to pressure all civic, professional, and religious organizations to speak out on lesbian and gay concerns.

**6.** The development of an NGTF regional structure which can help build the grass-roots strength of the lesbian and gay movement and will improve substantially our clout in Washington, D.C.

**What YOU Can Do to Oppose The Family Protection Act**

**1.** Write your representative in the House and Senate and let them know you oppose the Family Protection Act. (Pointers on writing to Congress can be obtained by writing NGTF.)

**2.** Send a public opinion message through Western Union to any public official. (20 words or less for $3.50) You can call in a message to *your local Western Union office and charge it to* your home phone.

**3.** Circulate a petition sponsored by NGTF against the Family Protection Act, crucial for building visible clout. For copies, write NGTF.

**4.** Make sure the professional, civic or religious groups you belong to take a public stand against the Family Protection ACt.

For further information, contact: Lucia Valeska, NGTF Executive Director, 212-741-5800. ■

## Group Files Suit Against N.Y. Loitering Law

The Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. has filed a civil rights class action suit in Federal Court seeking to void enforcement of the New York State loitering law against homosexuals.

The suit claims that since consensual sodomy is no longer illegal as a result of a Court of Appeals decision, neither should it be illegal to remain in a public place to solicit another to engage in that activity.

Mattachine says that the loitering law is enforced ''more vigorously'' in Buffalo than anywhere else in the state. The suit also charges the Buffalo Police Department with using police officers posing as gays to entrap gays, and of photographic and other surveillance of gay bars. The suit asks that the loitering laws not be enforced, and that police decoys are not persons ''offended'' under the law by invitations they might receive when they engage in conversation with gays.

One of the points the suit makes is that gays should have the same rights in bars and other public places to give discreet invitations for sex that heterosexuals have in places like 'single bars'.

For any further information please call John A. Faulring, Jr. at 716-886-2590 anytime. ■

## LLDEF President Dies

Margot Karle, President of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., died on September 6, 1981. She was president of the organization since 1979 and a member of the Board of Directors since 1977.

Ms. Karle was actively involved in litigating many Lambda cases, most notably in **NGTF v. Carlson** (successful challenge of the exclusion of gay publications from federal prisons) and in **People v. Onofre** (successful challenge to the New York State consensual sodomy law).

An attorney in private practice in New York, Ms. Karle was also an active member of and provided legal assistance to numerous lesbian, gay, and feminist organizations. She also successfully represented lesbian mothers in their efforts to gain custody of their children.

Margot Karle died at her summer house in East Hampton, Long Island. She is survived by her lover and family members. ■

## Oklahoma Federal Judge Clears Way for Challenge to Helm Bill

**Suit to Proceed Against Anti-Gay Teacher Law**

Federal Judge Luther B. Eubanks on August 4, 1981, denied a motion by the Oklahoma City Board of Education to dismiss the National Gay Task Force's complaint, clearing the way for a constitutional challenge to Oklahoma's anti-gay teacher bill, the Helm Bill. The law is a carbon copy of the infamous Briggs' Initiative which was defeated by California voters in 1978. The bill disqualifies for public employment all homosexual teachers, as well as those non-gay persons who advocate gay rights.

The suit has been plagued with problems of maintaining the confidentiality of those Oklahomans affected by the law and fearful of public exposure. The case will be tried on summary judgement early this winter. ■


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## NGTF Appoints New Director of Civil Rights Advocacy

**Mel Boozer to open Washington, D.C. office September 15.**

The National Gay Task Force announced today that it has named Mel Boozer, a Washington, D.C. gay activist, as its new Director of Civil Rights Advocacy. The appointment is a part of NGTF's new initiative against the New Right and the Family Protection Act. Boozer will assume this position in mid-September.

Boozer's duties will be to (1) monitor all Federal policies affecting the lesbian and gay community nationally, (2) establish a D.C. gay rights advocacy base to influence Federal policy making, and (3) serve as chief liaison between NGTF and other national organizations working for lesbian and gay civil rights.

Boozer, a Washington, D.C. native, received national attention last year when he was nominated for the Vice Presidency of the United States at the Democratic national convention in New York City. Boozer is the only black and openly gay person to be so nominated. He is President of the politically influential D.C. Gay *Activist Alliance. Boozer is currently a member* of the Board of Directors of NGTF, but will resign from the NGTF Board upon assuming his new position.

Boozer, who will be located in the Washington area, said, ''It is time for all of us to decide that we have had enough of Right Wing attacks on individual rights. And it is tome that we refute the distortions that the Moral Majority creates to frighten the public. I see that as a part of my job.''

For further information, contact: Lucia Valeska, 212-741-5800, Mel Boozer 202-488-8132. ■

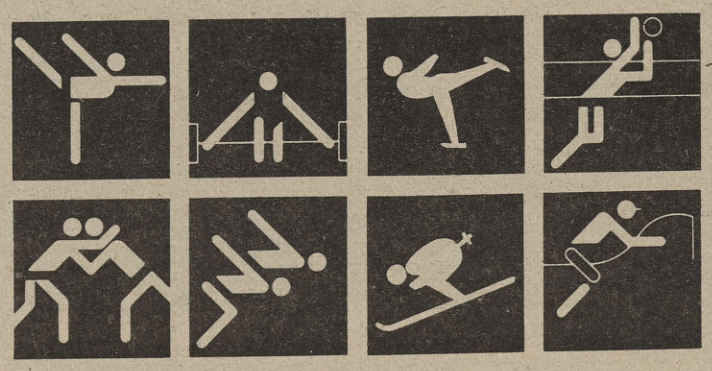
## Palo Alto Group Seeks Nationwide Support for Gay Rights Campaign

The Palo Alto Coalition for Equal Rights (PACER) is seeking the support of gay and lesbian groups across the country in the campaign for Palo Alto Measure B, which would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in the areas of housing, jobs, and business services.

''The fight for Measure B is vitally important to Gay men and Lesbians throughout the country,'' stated Jennifer Gates, member of PACER's Steering Committee. ''It's much more than a local issue. Since Anita Bryant's 1978 anti-Gay crusade in Dade County, Florida, Gay rights have been successfully challenged all over the country. From St. Paul to Eugene to San Jose, voters have turned back Gay rights legislation that had already been enacted. A victory in Palo Alto will prove that we can overcome the so-called Moral Majority and similar organizations that have consistently been the most vocal opponents of gay rights.''

''Either a victory or a defeat in Palo Alto will have a significant effect on the course of the national gay rights movement,'' said PACER Steering Committee member Herb Zeman. ''We want to ensure that we utilize to the fullest extent the knowledge and experience of our supporters around the country. Our basic message is simple: united we stand, divided we fall.''

Donations to PACER may be made payable to PACER and mailed to P.O. Box 50338, Palo Alto, CA 94303. For more information, call 415-856-1920. ■



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# '82 Gay Olympics Announced

**by Richard La Voie**

The Gay Olympic Games Committee in San Francisco has announced the first Gay Olympiad, a national event to be held in San Francisco next year, and invites Sacramento to form a team to participate.

Scheduled to begin August 28, 1982, with opening ceremonies to "rival the traditional Olympic Games", the events for both men and women will be: track and field, basketball, volleyball, swimming, cycling, tennis, marathon, bowling, billiards, physique, powerlisting, soccer, and golf. For men only, there will be wrestling; for women only, rugby.

There will be a simultaneous week of city-wide cultural events featuring lesbian and gay artists, musicians, dancers, singers, actors, etc.

Gay Olympic Games (GOG-1) urges cities to start planning now to attend the games. In addition to forming teams and training, fund-raising events must be held in each participating city to cover the cost of transportation to San Francisco, meals, etc. Transportation for athletes in the city will be provided. GOG-1 is preparing a complete information packet to send to all those interested in participating. These packets are expected to be ready in November of this year, though GOG-1 stresses that organizing should begin immediately.

The organization wishes to emphasize the element of participation rather than winning. You need not be a world-class athlete to enter, just serious about your sport.

One interesting feature of the First Gay Olympiad is that you need not represent the city in which you presently live to enter. For instance, if you live in Sacramento and do not make the River City team, you may represent your home town of Panther Gulch (for example) instead. A mailing address in Panther Gulch is all that is necessary.

A newsletter entitled "Olympics '82" is expected out soon. Anyone interested in more information should contact: GOG, Box 14874, San Francisco, CA 94114. ■

## "River City Friends" Winter Bowling League Sign-Ups

A fun-filled winter season starts Sunday, Oct. 11 at 12 noon at Land Park Bowl.

If you don't have a team, sign up to bowl on your own, and we will find you a spot.

Leave sign-up information with any of the bartenders at the Broadway Ltd., or call Tom Lane 635-1535 (eves.) with your sign-up info.■

## Gay Night at Kings Roller Rink

**by Roger Borbein**

Here's "four-wheeling" with a difference — no engine! All you need is strong ankles, a strong pair of legs and a penchant for for fun. "We started Gay Night at the Roller Rink about three years ago," says Bob Soloman. "We were looking for an alternative to the gay bars for our young people."

Apparently, it turned out to be a good alternative because, according to Soloman, "we have as many as 250 young people out here roller skating during the winter months." Kings Roller Rink (formerly Fantasia) is located at 3399 Arden Way near Watt Avenue.

Soloman says he feels one of the reasons that Gay Roller Skating Night has been successful is the importance placed on the rules. "We have strict rules about dress, smoking and drinking, and especially about conduct." Soloman says he wants everyone to have a good time and to enjoy themselves, but the rules are enforced to prevent dangerous horseplay and embarrassment to those that have come for a good time. According to Soloman, no one is allowed in who appears to have been drinking or cannot show consideration for others.

Gay Night at the Roller Rink is held every Thursday night from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Soloman urges gay men and women who are interested to come on out and join the fun. ■

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Bed-By-The Bay will respond to all inquiries by mail or telephone and will screen hosts as well as guests, both as a security measure and to aid in matching guests with appropriate accommodations. Most of the host listings are currently in the Castro and Polk districts of the city, but lodgings for gays can be found in all areas of San Francisco.

For complete information, write: Bed-By-The-Bay, P.O. Box 902, Sausalito, CA 94966, or telephone (415) 383-7430 (Shea); (415) 453-6405 (Edelstein); or, after five o'clock and weekends, (415) 334-7262 (Stanke). ■

## A VIEW FROM HERE

## My Mind's Residue

**by Richard Gray**

Stephen King, the author of **Carrie** and **The Shining,** among other books, insists that there is a sieve in the bottom of the mind, and that the size and nature of the mesh in our sieves is entirely individual. The thousands of bits of information that sift through this mesh in any given day leave a residue that lingers for some time in the mind, he says. Some things find a way eventually to fall through the mesh; others stay for a great time, for the brain to embrace continually.

The following are some of a large jumble of things, quotes, if you will, that have stayed with me for some time. They are from no common source, address no common issues, and are offered with no explanation, for surely ("And don't call me Shirley" (**Airplane** the movie)) there is no other than that they have persistently evaded dropping through my mind's mesh for so long. I do give the source.

"Some activities become no less painful through repetition." Peg Bracken...**The I Hate to Cook Book.**

"Nature sees to it that misfortune, sickness, and grief provide all the suffering in the world that the sternest moralist could demand for our improvement, so that the senseless additions we make to it by cruelty are truly superfluous." Ernest Jones...**Free Association, Memoirs of a Psychoanalyst.**

"The Salvation is in the work." Kevin Adams...in a conversation.

"She who is in me and 'refuses to die' is still hoping for something different. No success satisfied her, no happiness hushes her. It may be the lost kingdom of Childhood I am in constant search of." Liv Ullmann...**Changing.**

"A pedestrian hit me and went under my car." A Nevada motorist...police statement.

"Cold sober, I find myself absolutely fascinating." Katherine Hepburn...The Dick Cavett Show.

"I think tonight that anything you say to a writer after you beg him to let his stars come out is just literary advice." J.D. Salinger...**Seymour - An Introduction.**

"The closest I get to organized religion is small talk with strangers, feeding ducks in the park, **not** patting small children on the head and a small supply of spare change in my pocket." Karen Raines...in a letter.

Daughter—"French fries, we're gonna be human french fries.

Mother—"Oh, hush, we're not going to be french fries." Movie...**The Hills Have Eyes.**

"And if you think that's weird, then you think love is weird, and need and tenderness. And you think humanity is weird that produces cock-suckers in abundance every generation, with many of the best of us, the best in art and wit and love, among them...and you think just because you get your cock sucked and don't suck back that you're some kind of fucking paragon — well Shame on you!" Peter Schjeldahl...On Cocksucking, a poem.

"You know it never has been easy
Whether you do or you do not resign
Whether you travel the breadth of extremeties
Or stick to some straighter line."
Joni Mitchell...**HEJIRA**

"Oh, honey, everybody can't be George Washington." Florence Henderson...The Brady Bunch.

"But our notebooks give us away, for however dutifully we record what we see around us, the common denominator of all we see is always, transparently, shamelessly, the implacable 'I.'" Joan Didion...**Slouching Towards Bethlehem.** ■

## Evening of Camp

Photo by Frank J. Lawler Jr.

**The recent Camp Awards 1981 provided a night of entertainment and fun for all of those who attended. Reba and her "assistant" dazzled the audience with her "City Lights" nominated for best song of the year (pictured above). Other entertainers included Olympia, Pat Montclair, Shannon, carl berry, and Outrageous Rusty. Many very *campy* awards were given throughout the evening to members of our community, the most memorable being the "Ugliest Bathroom Award" that went to Rachel from the Mercantile.**

# Bar Stool

**Editor's Note:**

***Bar Stool,* a column that was totally created by Warren Hull, is intended to give information out about bars in Sacramento and other cities. It is not his intention to mention every single bar in Sacramento every month, as Stan Gilliam from the *Sacramento Bee* does not mention every restaurant or happening in Sacramento. Gilliam only mentions things he knows about through his readers and business owners. We would like our readers to let Hull know of things they would like mentioned in the column by calling 485-7405 in the evenings.**

## Scoop Goes Looking for a Mr./Ms. Goodbar

**by Warren "Scoop" Hull**

Yes, it's trick or treat time again, time for all those cute guys in heavy leather drag, and all those charming women in pastel painter's pants to make up their Bette Davis eyes and slip into their Miss Piggy drag. Well, Scoop has scared up a shopping bag full of places to strut your stuff on the 31st.

**The New Bar in Town**

**The Club 21** (on 21st between K and L Streets) opened its doors in September, and, from the looks of the crowd and some of the comments heard, the bar is a more than welcome addition to the 20th Street area. Although the bar hasn't found its true crowd and character yet, people look to the **21** as a fresh start, an "alternative" bar. Scoop was glad to see that most of those stifling little booths had been replaced by one long bar rail which gives more breathing space. And the piano bar usually gets replaced with a pool table, so, if you're wondering what type of bar this is going to be, let that be a cue to you. But the piano bar does drop down over the pool table Sunday through Thursday nights. The bartenders are quick and cute and very professional for a bar so new. I hear they even try to sweep the carpet as soon as it gets dirty ("just like at Disneyland" someone muttered). There's more on this hot spot in an article on this page.

**An Older Bar Reopens**

On October 27th, **Bojangles** (7042 Folsom Blvd.) will be celebrating the anniversary of its fire one year ago. Well, **Bojangles** has reopened in matchless style. For more on this, see the accompanying article on what **Bojangles** offers as it reopens.

On October 8th, Larry Macy will be hosting the Second Annual Mini-Macho Contest. If you plan on doing the monster mash at **Bojangles,** they're offering prizes for best costumes Halloween night. In any case, look for Bob and Julie behind the bar and, if he's wearing tight satin jogging shorts, it's probably Michael. Danny Garcia is the top-notch DJ. So check out **Bojangles** again; it'll light your fire.

**Activities at Other Bars**

**The Wreck Room** got gobs of goblins last Halloween, and this year promises more of the same, with prizes for the most exotic costume to be held at a contest at midnight.

**The Parking Lot** has big plans for the month of October. On the 11th there's a Spanish Fiesta with a buffet ($3) from 2 pm, and, if it's anything like the parties the PL has thrown every weekend throughout the summer, it will be quite a spectacle. Fortunately, the PL is big enough to handle big crowds without it seeming like a mob scene. For three days (Oct. 23rd, 24th and 25th), the PL will hold an Octoberfest with a special price for beer and a contest for the best Octoberfest costume on the 24th. Halloween will be celebrated with another contest for best costume.

And from the "Mindless Oversight" Department, Scoop remembered to mention the fantastic piano bar at the PL in last month's column but forgot to mention the man who makes it all work — Sammy. Sammy's a sweetheart.

Scoop has heard many people mention as they pass the **Westerner** on 20th Street, "If only that place were gay." Well, Sonny, the owner of the **Westerner** says his bar is open to everyone. So, the next time you're going past the **Westerner** and in the mood for a casual drink, don't hesitate to drop in.

One last scoop from Scoop about the local scene: Sacramento all of a sudden seems to be getting more sophisticated, more gay, more wealthy. Suddenly, everyone smells money around the 20th Street area. Whatever the reason, Scoop almost spilled his drink when he heard that another bar on 20th Street (none of the bars mentioned above or in past columns) is thinking about going gay. You'll never guess which one. Well, Trick or Treat? It's up to you!

A late Scoop from Sacramento — Scoop dropped by **The Hide and Seek** to check out the lay of the land there, and he came away with a variety of nice things to say about the place. But Scoop has just received word that **The Hide and Seek** has closed its doors permanently. There's more on the **Hide and Seek** in a separate article on this page.

**Out of Town Comment**

Scoop found himself in San Francisco again last month, wondering why **Badlands** (4121 18th St.) is always so packed. I've never found the decor particularly inventive, but the bar is always filled with some of the hottest men in the City (and I love the way they handle their beer). Maybe it's the bartenders who attract all the men. Some of the bartenders at **Badlands** provide some of the best scenery in the City. Chris is one of them. He works on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights (Monday day), and he's sure to give you special handling if you ask for him.

*Deck yourself out and have a happy Halloween.* ■

## Successful Opening For Sacramento's Newest Hot Spot

**by Frank Lawler**

**Club 21,** Sacramento's newest drinking spot, recently opened its doors to the community under new ownership, new management, and a new look.

Owners Clay and Bill Biscoe, Bernie Ferris, along with manager Richard Anderson have been devoting long hours in selecting what they consider to be the finest bar staff. The owners view this as a priority, as well as providing high quality music for their customers.

The remodeling of the bar was completed within 48 hours by Richard Monier. He was given the impossible to do, and, with the help of the bar staff, they were able to come up with a workable plan.

**Club 21,** a full liquor bar, has a happy hour from 4:30 to 6:30 serving well drinks at 65¢. For those who enjoy singing around the piano bar, Les Parker plays beginning at 9 pm on Sunday through Thursday nights. The ownership is hoping that both gay and straight customers will enjoy the piano bar.

The **Club 21** also has an adjacent restaurant that is currently serving brunches on Sundays from 11 am to 2 pm and plans to open for breakfast and lunch on weekdays.

Clay Biscoe comments on how pleased he is about the wonderful welcome and help he has received from the other local bar owners. A perfect example of this type of comraderie occurred when the Broadway Ltd. had to close down temporarily because of a power failure. The note on the door indicated that the bar was closed and encouraged patrons to try the **Club 21** for a drink. Our hats are off to the **Broadway Ltd.** for helping out our newest bar. ■

"Bob The Bartender" sitting behind the bar.

Photos by Roger Borbein

## Bojangles Reopens

**by Roger Borbein**

"Business has been great ever since we reopened two weeks ago," Says Bojangles owner-manager Terry Sidie. Bojangles was forced to close in October of last year due to an extensive fire which completely destroyed the building.

Obviously pleased with the reopening, Sidie told **MGW**, "We're almost finished with the interior decorating, and then we can start on fixing up the outside and the parking lot." Sidie says business has been excellent even though he is still getting the word out that they have reopened.

The new Bojangles features dancing seven nights a week with Disco DJ Dan Garcia handling the music entertainment. It will feature special entertainment on Sunday nights with different shows each week, and on Monday nights there will be no cover charge with draught beer just a dollar-a-pitcher.

Sidie says his kitchen is featuring a new menu of Oriental food. "We have enough space to handle up to 60 people for dinner," according to Sidie.

The Bojangles' game room has pool tables, pinball machines and computer games.

Sidie seemed especially proud of the lounge and bar which is decorated with mirrors, glass and natural wood with walls of bright green. Sidie says, "We even have special outfits trimmed in green for the waiters and staff.

Bojangles was started by Sidie nearly five years ago, and, with the reopening of the new building, Sidie feels business is going to be better than ever. ■

## One of Sacramento's Oldest Gay Bars Closes Doors

**by Linda D. Birner**

The **Hide and Seek,** the oldest hard liquor plus dancing bar for gays in the Sacramento area, closed its doors Sept. 10th after 15 years in business.

At one time, the **Hide and Seek** was the focal point for most gay activities in the area. Its West Sacramento location was more hospitable to gays in the late '60s and early '70s than downtown Sacramento. Its location, combined with the warm welcome that owners Pat Avala and Marge Covino provided, made the bar widely used by the court and other organizations as it hosted fundraisers, potlucks, spaghetti feeds, pool tournaments, special parties, etc. over the years.

In recent years, the **Hide and Seek** witnessed the movement of gay business to downtown Sacramento. Gay people were rarely hassled by the police in Sacramento in more recent times, and Pat notes that as "gay kids just keep looking for that Mr. or Ms. Wonderful, they go to the new bars looking for the right person." She attributes the longevity of the **Hide and Seek** to staff: "If it wasn't for Norman Anderson and Pat Montclaire, we wouldn't have stayed open as long as we did."

Pat and Marge now are the former owners not only of the **Hide and Seek** but also of the **River Gallery Restaurant.** With these accomplishments behind them, what's next? "The bar was good to us, but it's time to change and go into something else," Pat reports. That something else allows them to pursue a keen interest in politics; they now put all of their energy into their weekly community newspaper that originates in West Sacramento, **The Yolo Sentinel.**

Pat Avala and Marge Covino gave a lot to the gay community as owners of the **Hide and Seek.** Now they have an opportunity to influence the larger community, which includes gay people, of course. The closure of the **Hide and Seek** leaves the gay community with lots of good memories of fine times there. ■

# Let's Go! To Chico!

**by Tim Kelleher**

If Chico has gotten along this far without a bar, restaurant or dance establishment catering to our community, then the arrival of **900 Cherry Street** should set glasses clinking, palates clucking, and heels a-stomping. Thanks to the expertise of owners Ken Gand and Ben Hansen, **900 Cherry Street** has ushered in a new era of good times, community awareness and gay pride for this not-so-quiet, north valley, demi-urban college town.

"The non-gays have been terrific," says Hansen. Besides the usual hurdles of city codes, ordinance-clearance, and initial concern over raucus antics spilling into the streets, Chico city officials openly lauded the establishment of a gathering place within the city's limits which could be afforded the security of police and fire departments. "We're anxious to provide a place where men and women can mix without the fear of anti-gay outreach. We've experienced just enough violence in the past to appreciate the need for a 'community center' such as **900 Cherry Street,**" Pete De George, manager, states. And for Chico State's Gay Peoples Union, the Lesbian/Gay Cause of Butte County, Parents and Friends of Gays, and the Butte County Fellowship, **900 Cherry Street** will provide the atmosphere extraordinaire for real community strength.

With an adept staff of 16, an appetizing menu of 'good American food' served indoors or al fresco, a sound system geared to get you moving, and a comfortable, accessible bar, **900 Cherry Street** assembles a quality-blended environment underscored by warmth, bonded by the desire to please.

If you live in Chico you know! If you don't you should! **900 Cherry Street** is a terrific place. Try it for Sunday brunch, or if you are a card-carrying member of G.A.B. (Gays Against Brunch), quotes owner Hansen, try it for an early dinner and stay late. It's cherry. ■

# READERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

**by Tom Lewis**

If you are a gay woman, lesbian (depending on your label preference), or a gay male in your 30s with a college degree, and you earn approximately $25,000 annually, live with a lover or roommate in the greater Sacramento area in a rented house or apartment, enjoy a wide variety of leisure-time activities including working-out, sports, travel, biking, hiking and camping, movies, the creative arts, eating out, and visiting gay bars several times a month, and if you are more likely to champion liberal candidates and causes than conservative ones... you are the ''statistically typical'' **MGW Newspaper** reader.

With only approximately 2% of the readership responding, it should be pointed out that a statistical analysis **is not guaranteed** to yield a perfectly accurate picture of the total **MGW** readership, estimated at well over 21,000. Nevertheless, the survey is very helpful in several ways: First, it yielded considerable reader-input (both positive and negative) which will be carefully considered as the **MGW** staff plans future editions. Second, the survey provides a great deal of information about the status and personal interests and habits of **MGW** readers. This data is vital when it comes to convincing advertisers that **MGW** ads will reach those for whom their goods and services are intended. And finally, it provides a strong morale-boost for the dedicated and hard-working staff that faithfully puts out this publication each month. While there were criticisms and numerous suggestions for improvement, the overwhelming thrust of the surveys received was extremely positive and supportive.

In preparing this article, I have tried to avoid boring you with a long list of numerical totals, percentages, averages, etc. Instead, my purpose has been to share with you some personal observations and conclusions side-by-side with selective quantitative data I though you might find interesting.

**A REVIEW OF SOME OF THE BASICS**

**Age.** Seven out of ten respondents were between 20 years of age and 40. Most of the rest were in their 40s. A few were in their 50s and 60s.

**Sex.** 73% of those responding were men, 20% were women, and 7% did not indicate whether they were male or female.

***Living Arrangement.*** *Half of those heard from* live with lovers or live alone but have a lover. Of the remaining 50%, about half live alone and the other half live with one or more roommates. A little more than half rent. 45% state that they own a home or property. Surprisingly, three out of ten readers surveyed live outside of the Sacramento area.

**Income.** After extracting the part-time incomes of those who listed themselves primarily as students, we discovered the median annual income (before taxes) to be in the neighborhood of $24,000.

**Education.** Over 50% indicated that they had earned a college degree. Three in ten have done graduate work and/or received advanced degrees. With few exceptions, the rest are high school graduates and a large number have taken some work at the college level.

**Sexuality.** Nine out of ten responding indicated their sexual preference as lesbian or gay. Some claimed bi-sexuality. None stated that they are ''straight''. 30% shared that they are gay parents.

**Friendships.** Over 50% represent themselves as having more straights for friends than gays. Many describe their friendships as closer to 50-50.

**Social/Political Action.** 50% claim to be members of, and/or active in, gay organizations of one sort or another. The Democratic Party and liberal perceptions, causes, and stands overwhelmingly outrank conservative views among those choosing to answer this item. ⅓ chose to leave this item blank.

**Purchasing Patterns.** Most secure the goods and services they want or need in the local area. The readers who endeavored to answer the items dealing with charge cards and credit accounts use the widest possible array of same to meet their particular needs. 15%, however, volunteered that they purchase only with cash. 75% state their preference to do business with gay-owned firms or firms supportive of gays and human rights in general. Many said they would ''purchase gay'' even if the prices were a bit higher and even if some inconvenience was involved. Clearly, **MGW** advertisers are sought out and supported by its readers.

**Leisure-time.** The widest possible line-up of leisure-time activities is enjoyed by these gay respondents. TV viewing hours per week fell far below the national average.

**How MGW is obtained and what happens to it after you read it.** Only 20% of those submitting *questionnaires for this survey subscribe to* **''Mom...Guess What!''** Most pick theirs up at the various distribution points throughout the community. Many, when through reading each issue, keep it for future reference or pass it on to a friend.

**''AND ON THE OTHER HAND...''**

Whenever personal opinion is asked for, the responses inevitable reflect, to some extent, ''the eye of the beholder''. With a large enough sampling, you are sure to get a selected number of statements, usually representing extreme views, that, for all practical purposes, tend to cancel one another out. Here are a few examples:

**Lesbian vs. Gay Men's Emphasis.** ''More emphasis on feminist/lesbian community and activities.'' ''**MGW** is okay as is.'' ''Too much of a lesbian emphasis in **MGW.**''

**Sex Exploitation.** ''I object to sexually exploitive ads such as The Wreck Room and The Steam Room. With these ads I would be embarrassed to show this paper to my parents.'' ''You are too far back in the closet re. sex. More sex. Sex sells.''

**News Coverage.** ''You should have more articles on local gay activities.'' ''I feel you should cover more gay activities and issues with a national impact.'' ''You have a very good 'mix'. **MGW** is my major link with gay news everywhere.''

**Advocacy vs. Objectivity.** ''**MGW** should advocate gay positions; take and support stands...example the Club Baths controversy.'' ''Cover the news fairly and objectively. Leave the preaching to MCC!'' ''Both advocacy and objective news reporting have their place as long as they are done professionally and are located in separate sections of the paper.''

**Gay Emphasis vs. Human Emphasis. ''MGW** is a gay publication. There are too many articles dealing with general topics having no special relevance for gays.'' ''I would like to see **MGW** emphasize those aspects of our lives which bind us to the rest of the world. While pride in ourselves and interest in our own special lifestyle has value, I'm not sure it should lead to separation in any larger sense. Sometimes I feel there is some unstated policy to feature gays as somehow or another different. I totally disagree. While I am gay, I am also a human being whose interests and allegiances go far beyond petty gay pride.''

**SOME ITEMS AND POINTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO ME:**

**No Hairdressers or Interior Decorators.** Of the numerous occupations listed (over 100 in all), there was not one hairdresser or interior decorator! There were teachers, carpenters, printers, doctors, nurses, attorneys, state workers, painters, bartenders, waiters, social workers, accountants, a storyteller, a few who numbered themselves among the ranks of the unemployed, and many more. Oh well, there's another stereotype blown to hell!

Of course, the purpose of all *samplings* is to extrapolate from a limited volume of data broad generalizations which will hold true for a much larger group from which the *samplings* were taken. In other words, such a survey is intended to provide some indication of the *general readership.* But sometimes sampling does not represent the whole. I tried to pinpoint factors which weakened the chances that these samplings (just under 2%) could be used to ascertain the characteristics of the general readership. There were several such factors, and I'd like to share a few of them with you:

There were **too many lovers.** Based on my experience, it seems unlikely that we can assume better than half of our gay readership is in a solid lover relationship.

Nor should we assume that our readers are generally as **occupationally fulfilled** and financially successful as the survey might tend to imply.

I seriously doubt that 50% of Northern California lesbians and gays belong to and/or are active in one or more gay **organizations.** What about all those younger gays and senior-citizen gays in our community who are conspicuous by their absence in our survey?

And, **all that formal education** flies in the face of other studies of the gay population in this state and nation. While it very well may be true that **MGW** readers are characteristically more stable, more educated, more mature, more successful and established, more affluent, and more socially and politically active than the general gay population per se, it is my judgment that the **MGW** readership is much more diverse and far reaching than this one limited survey might reveal.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to all who took the time to respond to this survey. I congratulate Bruce King and a friend of his choice for winning the weekend at The Woods. This experience has reaffirmed the pride I have in being gay and a part of a wider fellowship of gay men and women who, like I, are counted among the **MGW** readership. I urge each of you to do whatever you can to make this the best gay newspaper anywhere. ■

# The Gay Immigrant: Slow Changes in a Backward Law

## Part II: The Struggle to Naturalize: "Staying on" as a Gay Person in America

In Part One of this series, the continuing efforts of the Immigration Service to exclude gay visitors from the United States were examined. Gays who want to remain permanently in the U.S. as lawful permanent residents face even more severe problems. No alien who was ''excludable at entry'' to the U.S. is permitted to become a permanent resident. Therefore, the question of whether or not a person was a practicing homosexual prior to his or her last ''entry'' into the U.S. becomes important. If a gay person has concealed facts from an immigration inspector and denied his or her sexual preference, (s)he will be refused permanent resident status on the grounds that (s)he has entered the U.S. by fraud. In fact, the only ways for a gay person to immigrate to the U.S. are to remain silent about the whole issue and avoid all suspicion, or to somehow show that his or her homosexuality dates from a time after (s)he entered the country. But each time the gay immigrant leaves the country and re-enters, (s)he makes herself or himself deportable as an excludable ''sexual deviate,'' and immigrant status is placed in serious jeopardy.

The gay person who wants to become a U.S. citizen has an even longer battle. Generally, to become a naturalized citizen, a person must show three to five years as a ''lawful permanent resident'' and ''good moral character.'' Gay people have been denied U.S. citizenship on the grounds that they were never ''lawful permanent residents'' and that they lack ''good moral character''.

The failure to be straightforward with the naturalization examiner can be devastating for a gay person. In the case of **Kovacs v INS** decided in 1973, a permanent resident alien, in the U.S. since 1959, was denied naturalization because he had listed only three convictions for ''sexual offenses.'' He refused to admit to numerous other incidents which had occured six to nine years earlier, when confronted with sworn documents signed by him. The judge of the Naturalization Court concluded that Kovacs lacked ''good moral character'' because he gave false testimony to the naturalization examiner.

In an Oregon case in 1975, **In Re Brodie,** the applicant for naturalization fared somewhat better. The Naturalization Judge concluded that even an admission of homosexual acts did not necessarily mean that the applicant lacked ''good moral character.'' The judge cited the decriminalization of consentual homosexual acts in Oregon and concluded that ''I am not required to find that Brodie's behavior conforms to the preferences of the majority. Plainly it does not. I need only find that it does not so offend that the 'ordinary' person, whose response I must improvise, would think it immoral.'' Brodie became a naturalized citizen.

Mr. Nemetz, a 41-year-old permanent resident from West Germany living in West Virginia, has had a harder battle. Virginia has a sodomy law, and even though Mr. Nemetz had never been arrested, the District Court in Virginia denied his petition for naturalization on the grounds that he had committed a crime involving moral turpitude by being a homosexual. The Court of Appeals in April of this year, reversed that decision, declaring that there should be a national standard for naturalization. ''In any state in which sodomy is not a crime, Nemetz could have admitted to committing acts of sodomy without placing his petition in jeopardy,'' said the Court. ''In other words, but for an 'accident of geography,' Nemetz perhaps would be a naturalized citizen today.'' Such a result hardily contributes to any principle of uniformity and is, in fact, incongruous with common sense.''

Common sense comes all to rarely from the mouths of judges. If the Immigration Service appeals this case to the U.S. Supreme Court, the result may not be favorable to Nemetz. Furthermore, even if homosexuals like Mr. Nemetz can show ''good moral character'' the Service still has the authority to call their status as lawful permanent residents into question, by alleging that they are homosexuals, and that they got their permanent resident status in violation of law. Ongoing efforts to decriminalize homosexual acts, and to remove the ''exclusion'' of homosexuals from our immigration laws, would be very helpful to gay women and men attempting to stay in the U.S. on a permanent basis. Attorneys who practice in this area, like myself, as well as voluntary agencies who work closely with immigrants, are hopeful that the long-awaited overhaul of our immigration laws will lead to more humane treatment of gay women and men as well as refugees and other foreigners coming to our country. There is still time to study this issue and organize a coalition of fair-minded people to present alternatives to Congress.

A new coalition in Washington called the National Forum on Immigration and Refugee Policy which includes such diverse organizations as the ACLU, the National League of Counties, the Mexican-American Legal Defense Foundation, the American Jewish Committee, the NAACP, and Zero Population Growth may hold some hope for meaningful reform in this area. The Forum can be reached in care of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law, 733 15th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

On the local level, a group of activists from Catholic organizations, cannery workers, the Asian community, Migrant Education, and the private bar, have formed the Northern California Immigration Coalition, which meets periodically at La Semilla Cultural Center. Anyone interested in working with the Coalition should contact me at 443-6911. ■

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# Another Gay British Citizen Refused Entry to US

On May 5th, Philip Fortheringham, a gay man with dual British-Canadian nationality, was refused entry to the U.S. at JFK International Airport in NYC. Fortheringham was stopped by Immigration officials who searched his luggage and read his diary which contained information suggesting he was a homosexual. Fortheringham was questioned as to his homosexuality and was then informed that he would not be admitted to the U.S. because he was a homosexual. He was told that he could request a hearing before an immigration judge, but that he would probably lose that hearing and be deported forever. Based on this inaccurate information, he did not request a hearing and agreed to leave the U.S.

On his way to the boarding gate, while in the custody of TWA officials, Fortheringham decided that he wanted to return to INS and request a hearing. He informed the TWA manager that he did not want to board the plane and asked to return to INS. The TWA manager refused to comply with this request and informed him that he would be put on the plane, if necessary by airport security. Fortheringham was then escorted onto the plane and returned to London. It must be noted that Philip had not been deported and had no deportation papers, but was leaving the U.S. of his own accord.

On July 16th, Fortheringham returned to JFK traveling on his Canadian passport. He was admitted to the U.S. without any problems despite the fact that he was wearing a T-shirt and buttons proclaiming ''Let Gays In.''

By questioning Philip as to his homosexuality, INS officials acted in direct violation of specific regulations established by the U.S. Dept. of Justice in Sept. 1980. These regulations prohibit INS from questioning an alien as to his homosexuality, unless that alien makes an unsolicited statement that he is a homosexual. INS officials have indicated that their questioning of Fortheringham was a ''mistake.''

Commenting on his exclusion in May, Philip stated, ''This time they stopped the wrong person. It is a complete and utter outrage that I could be deported from a country where I lived for ¼ of my life.'' Between 1970-1976, Fortheringham was a resident of Virginia Beach, VA. ■

# I BEG YOUR PARDON!

**I BEG YOUR PARDON,
BUT IS THAT LESBOS
IN AEGEAN GARDEN?
AND OUT ON THE
RED-NECK NORTHSIDE,
DO THEY CLAIM GAY WAY
WITH PRIDE . . . ?**

Photos by Tim Stirling

# Womankind Clinic — A Different Kind of Health Care for Women

by Jill Kelly

Got a minute? Take this easy Gynecological Trivia test:

**For Physicians Only — True or False**

1. When a woman complains of cramps, she just needs to get more exercise.
2. Women don't feel anything in their vaginas, so a pelvic exam can't really hurt.
3. Women patients are reassured by the sight of serious-faced male physicians in starched white coats.
4. Lesbians have deed voices and should be referred to a psychiatrist.

**For the Rest of Us — True or False**

1. A gynecological exam has to hurt.
2. A good doctor is always in a hurry, has a serious-looking face, and wears a starched white coat with a stethoscope hanging out of the breast pocket.
3. A clinic is a sterile place with green tile floors and old National Geographics in the waiting room.
4. Don't tell your doctor you're a lesbian unless you want a referral to his favorite psychiatrist.

If you answered "True" to any of the above, you undoubtedly have experienced some of the grimmer aspects of traditional women's health care — a tradition that Womankind Health Clinic is trying to change. A teaching clinic under the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of California-Davis Medical Center, Womankind is an attempt to offer women sensitive primary health services, and to train medical students in a new tradition of gynecological care.

Womankind was the brainchild of several female UCD medical students in 1978, who recognized the gaps in their own training in treating women's health problems. The first Womankind Clinic opened on Howe Avenue in September of 1979 to provide care to women in the medically underserved East area. Last July the clinic moved to bigger quarters at 40th and J Streets and has been growing ever since.

The clinic is currently directed by Judy Levy, Womankind's only paid staff person, and by a 12-person Board of Directors. The entire medical and counseling staff are volunteers, including supervising physicians, medical examiners (students), lab technicians and client counselors. Because of this personnel restriction, the clinic is able to operate only seven hours per week (Tuesday evenings from 6 - 9 pm; *Saturdays from 9 am - 1 pm). In November the clinic will expand these hours to include Thurs*day evenings.

When Judy Levy became director three months ago, her top priority was "to tighten up the business end of the clinic. The evolution of the program over the past two years has been remarkable," she says. "Now we're in a position to become better organized, both in terms of finances, and in the actual delivery of services. We can't rely on bake sales to make ends meet!"

One half of Womankind's budget comes from fundraisers and donations; the other half from client fees, Medi-Cal and a small Office of Family Planning grant. "Our fees are on a sliding scale basis, and I feel that they are very reasonable," Judy comments. "And we are willing to work something out if a woman has trouble paying her share."

Both Judy Levy and counselor Ellie Charlton were clients of Womankind before becoming staff members. "I figured any place that felt that comfortable would be a great place to work," Ellie remembers. Now she is training coordinator and "mother hen" for the volunteer counselors, and spends six to eight hours per week at the clinic.

Photograph by Jan-Michelle Sawyer

**Staff at Womankind. L to R: Laurie Friedmann, Lab Coordinator; Ellie Charlton, Training Coordinator; Judy Levy, Directory.**

"The counselor is the first person a woman talks to when she visits the clinic," Ellie explains. "Since so many women report bad experiences with other doctors, we find it is often important to give clients the chance to ventilate their frustrations before going on with the exam. The counselor is there to be a good listener, as well as to take a thorough medical history." Ellie would like to see the counselor accompany each client to her exam and act as an advocate. "Even with medical staff as sensitive as ours, some women are still intimidated," she states. "But until more volunteer counselors are trained, this isn't possible."

The actual examination is carried out by a medical student under a physician's supervision. "Depending on how experienced the student is, the physician may or may not be in the room during the exam," explains Judy Levy. "But the doctor is always available to answer the client's questions."

Womankind can provide routine gynecological care, including Pap smears, pregnancy tests, treatment for infections, and IUD insertion. The Office of Family Planning grant supports the clinic's birth control counseling services. The clinic does not perform abortions, and refers women with any complicated problems to other practitioners.

"Lesbians who are looking for non-judgmental, sensitive health care will find it here," asserts Ellie Charlton. Each client specifies at the beginning of her visit whether she prefers seeing a female, male or lesbian counselor and/or examiner. "We have several lesbian volunteers and clients," Ellie states. Also, a woman's partner, whether male or female, may accompany her to the counseling session and exam, if the client wishes.

The future of Womankind looks promising. "We haven't publicized widely because of our limited capacity," Judy Levy explains. "Eventually, I'd like to see us expand to four days per week, possibly at two sites. We've also talked about offering pre-natal care classes for women preparing for home-births."

Ellie Charlton would like to see Womankind serve its lesbian clientele by offering artificial insemination services. "We've already had a few inquiries about it," she says. "Apparently, no one else in Sacramento is willing to do it for unmarried women."

As Womankind grows, so does its need for volunteers. "We will be training new counselors and medical students on October 9, 10 and 11," Ellie states. "On October 4, the Annual Membership Meeting will offer interested community members a chance to find out more about the clinic, and hopefully to get involved."

"We call our consumers 'clients' instead of 'patients' because we are providing **health** care, not **sick** care," explains Judy Levy. "And we are teaching our medical students to deal with the clients as equal partners in caring for their health." Training a new crop of physicians in that kind of philosophy might be the most valuable service Womankind performs.

**Client's Eye View of Womankind**

Before I was asked to write this story, I had visited Womankind for a routine gynecological exam. The following is a brief "report card" on the clinic from that experience.

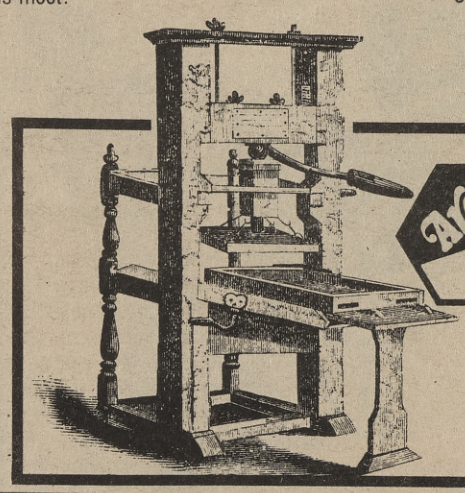
1. Quality of counselor orientation — good. My counselor was friendly, took a thorough history, probed for facts I missed; did not, however, explain that Womankind was a teaching clinic, a fact that would have helped me understand the examiner's deficiencies.
2. Quality of the examination — Overall, good. The medical student examiner was inexperienced and rather nervous; however, the supervising physician assisted in the exam and was excellent. She was also very helpful in answering my questions afterward.
3. Quality of lab procedure — below average. The lab area was messy; the technician seemed disorganized.
4. Physical location — not good. Too cramped; staff seemed to be tripping over each other; supplies messy; a feeling of controlled chaos.
5. Overall staff attitude — very good. Friendly, informal, and the doctor wore jogging shorts!

Womankind Clinic is located at 1001 40th Street (40th and J); phone number is 452-5463.

## Womankind Health Clinic to Hold Annual Meeting and Training Class

**Womankind** is holding its annual membership meeting on Sunday, October 4, from 5-7 p.m. at 2991 Brookstone Drive, Sacramento. The meeting will include a potluck dinner and is open to anyone wanting to find out more about the services and volunteer opportunities at the Clinic.

A training class for patient counselors will also begin October 4, from 7-9 p.m., at the same location. Call the Clinic at 452-KIND for more information about the meeting or training. ■

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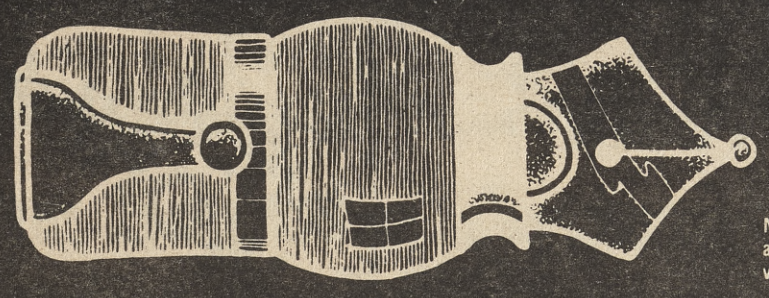

# Write!

MGW welcomes letters to "WRITE!" If at all possible, your letters should be typed, double-spaced. We will not publish anonymous letters, but will withhold names on request. Letters reflect only the opinions of their authors, not necessarily the views of MGW or its staff. Address letters to "WRITE!", MGW, Box 8170, Sacramento, CA 95818.

## Passing the ERA Includes Men

**Dear Mom. . .:**

All feminist women who hope to pass the Equal Rights Amendment, after these 60 years, will have to boycott economically, socially, and intimately much more intently, thoroughly, and decisively, — from boardrooms and barrooms to bedrooms — if they even dream of success! And lesbians in particular, while understandably they are not seeking men as partners, must unswervingly desire to be their friends, — because men are persons, too. Lesbians otherwise will be practicing an utterly absurb reverse sexism which for them politically will be absolutely self-defeating. "Womenspace" makes music festivals, but it alone will never pass the ERA.

**Glenn Rice**

## *The Learning Exchange* Does Not Want to Learn About *MGW*

**Dear Editor:**

Please remove us from the mailing list.

**The Learning Exchange**

*Editor's Note: **The Learning Exchange Newspaper** was receiving a complimentary copy of **Mom. . . Guess What! Newspaper,** as many publications and organizations do as a public service.*

## M.D. Fundraiser Responds to Criticism

**Editor:**

I am very shocked with the letter from Scorchy Ray 8/1/81.

I think he should get his facts right. Sure your paper asks for the gay community to support organizations who need money. He thinks that most of the money goes to gay lobbies.

I would like to set him right at least in the Sacramento area. . .

The G.N.I.E., which I am a Past Emperor of and a member for eight years, has raised money for the following organizations (which are gay):

George Sands Community Benefit Funds (Sacto. Gay United Way)
M.C.C.
Dignity
Love and Care Inc. Home for Elderly Gays
No on 6
Valley Knights (in connection with G.S.C.B.F.)
C.H.R.A.
Sacto Gay Community Center
Sacto Gay Pride Parade Committee

And countless numbers of fundraisers for gay brothers and sisters who were either hurt or burned out of their houses.

The members of the G.N.I.E., past and present, have spent many long hard hours putting on functions, and spent out of their own pockets. The cost of props, sound, lights, food. Yes, even dressing attire. And have not asked for anything in return.

I am not saying that the G.N.I.E. is the only organization to help gays in and around the Sacramento area.

In the eight years that I have been involved with the G.N.I.E., they have raised over $10,000 for gays in the Sacto area.

He says let Jerry Lewis take care of M.D.; also that there are gays that have M.D., which is true. There at least four in the Sacramento area that I know.

If just one of those dollars that the contestants raised was to cure that gay person today, I bet he would be the first one to take credit for it.

As for his remark about the fundraiser being a cheep shot, look, gays can raise money for a good cause too.

I don't think it is a cheap shot to show the Jerry Falwells of this country that we, as gay people, are not sick and deranged. It is up to us to show that we care just as much, if not more.

If this person wants more money raised for gay brothers and sisters. I have a good idea for him: Get off your behind and get out and work for any gay organization. Put your input into it. Organizations are always looking for new ideas.

**Walter M. Coburn**
**Emperor IV, G.N.I.E.**
**Organizer and sponsor of Mr. Gay Cowboy, Ms. Gay Cowgirl, Miss Gay Cowgirl**

## *MGW* Fan Wants Reno Coverage

**Editor:**

Just received Issue #32 (September '81) and am really pleased with the great coverage of the activities etc. in the Sacramento area. I would only hope that there would be a small corner some day for the events and activities on a routine basis for the Reno area.

In any event, I am so pleased with your paper that I would like to receive at least another year of your great publication — so — please fine $12.00 Postal Money Order enclosed.

**Sincerely,**
**Stuart McLaurin**

## Straight Side Reaction

**MGW:**

Just a short note to say what a good job you're doing. I'm new to the area and really feel your newspaper is done very professionally — it's a pleasure to read. It's especially nice to see that you give equal time for your straight readers. The 'Straight Side' section gave a good view of what some straights are like — or can be like. I think it is important to do this, as many gays believe there just aren't any good straights. I hope to see this section, or others like it, running on a regular basis. Sometimes it's hard convincing my gay friends not to be prejudiced against straights, but Toni Thomas really helped me. Bravo to her and to you. Let's hear from both sides more often. It seems you and Ms. Thomas have courage — I admire you both.

**L.B.S.**

*Editor's Note: Starting in November, Toni Thomas's **Straight Side** will be a regular monthly feature.*

## More Praise for Straight Side

**Dear Editors:**

I think the "From the Straight Side" column was great! Was it only a one-time shot? Being straight myself, I would like to see more from Toni Thomas and her views to help clarify things for me and those many other readers like me, who do enjoy your paper. Keep up your good work and thanks for thinking of us straights.

**A Pleased Reader**

## Grateful to the Gay Community

**To The Gay Community of Sacramento:**

I would like to take this time to thank everyone involved in helping raise funds to help me cover hospital bills. As most of you know, I was the victim of a violent crime, July 31st, 1981. I was stabbed in the upper chest by a so-called "Straight Dude". . .to this day, I do not know his name. He was apprehended the same night by Yolo County sheriffs, booked for assault with a deadly weapon. As for myself, I've recovered physically well; mentally, it has been quite a shock, to say the least. I am very grateful to the gay community for your concern in my time of need. I hope I can be of help to you in yours.

*"Together We Stand, Divided We Fall"*

**Sincerely,**
**Michael Jentes**

## Tell Them in Person!

Gay Rights National Lobby has announced a Constituent Lobby Week for the third week in November. Lobbying will take place in the Congressperson's district office; small groups of three or four are being formed now to prepare literature, issue positions, and set appointments for their visits. Districts One, Two, Three, and Four in Northern California will be involved. Anyone interested in participating should contact GRNL at (415) 864-6481, or Richard at 455-6641 or 456-5858.

Constituent lobbying is a fun and effective way of influencing the system. Contact with your legislator is both productive and enlightening (for both of you). You need not be a seasoned politico to participate; a serious interest in gay rights is all that's necessary. Call soon to be part of a valuable, unique experience. ■

## Admires Annie Overby

**Dear Editor,**

I have always read Annie Overby whenever she appeared in your paper and have enjoyed her writing and humor tremendously. Why doesn't she appear in all issues? Her writing style sometimes reminds me of Rita Mae Brown's — a similar quick wit.

Thanks for having Annie Overby in your paper.

**Sincerely,**
**Rick**

*Editor's Note: We try to get Overby to write for us every month, but she's one of those temperamental, moody artists!!!*

## Excerpts of Oral Majority's Letter to Israeli Ambassador

**The Hon. Ephraim Evron**
**Embassy of Israel**

**Dear Mr. Ambassador,**

We urge you to relate the following message to Prime Minister Menachem Begin. As three American Jewish men prominent in the ongoing humanist campaign for emotional liberation, we are insulted and offended by news of the meeting between Mr. Begin and the Rev. Jerry Falwell, a well-known anti-Semite, racist and sexist, who is attempting to legitimize his organized campaign of hate and bigotry, the Moral Majority.

All persons who respect the U.S. Constitution must be outraged by this unholy and unnatural alliance which seems to be developing between Mr. Begin and the false Messiah Falwell. Our love for Israel and America and their common bond of democracy demands an outcry.

Again we must urge you to communicate to Mr. Begin our feelings on this matter, because he is risking American support for Israel by meeting with a man who does not, by any stretch of the imagination, represent the m majority of Americans of all faiths or uphold the values of democracy and freedom that Americans and Israelis share.

**Thank you,**
**Shalom,**
**Robert Kunst**
**Jonathan Susskind**
**Alan Rockway, Ph.D.**

Again, we must urge you to communicate to Mr. Begin our feelings on this matter, because he is risking American support for Israel by meeting with a man who does not, by any stretch of the imagination, represent the majority of Americans of all faiths or uphold the values of democracy and freedom that Americans and Israelis share.

## READER WOULD PAY FOR *MGW*

**Dear Editor:**

In a questionnaire, I stated that I would pay 25¢ for a copy. Since reading the last issue, that of Sept., I would gladly pay 50¢. It seemed to me that there was much more news in that issue. I liked it, the whole damn issue.

**Respectfully,**
**Larry Baragain**

## Reaction to Annie Overby's Squirrels

**Dear Editor:**

May I digress; having tardily just read the August issue.

I was gleefully reading along, savoring what, at first, was to me a light-hearted, but more succinctly a well-developed style that must please all palates.

I found myself in the backyard of Annie Overby observing a bit of nonsense, the creator of which I envisioned was exercising a bit of literary license regarding the mischievous squirrels in the tree, the existence of which were perhaps the last scrap evidence of anything beautiful in the whole "mess" of her surroundings.

Maybe I've been around too long; however, I was horrified by her ending; the violence was so ugly.

May I suggest that Annie has generously contributed to her miserable environment?

**Sincerely,**
**The Mom**

## Reader's Views on Stockton Bars

**Editor:**

I have always enjoyed your newspaper, and find the high quality of the articles a measure of the high quality of gay life in Sacramento. I must say I was particularly interested in the September review of the Stockton bars. I must also say that I do not agree with the report. As your readers follow your directions out to the Port, they will see what kind of neighborhood the 90s is in. I admit going there and save worst for *Willie's. I think that if you asked the patrons* rather than the management what they thought of the place, you would find that the music is too loud and that Willie's should allow advertising for the Delta Empire and MCC. That way more people, that is to say Miss Lodi, would stay home in Stockton, rather than going to exciting downtown Sacramento, San Francisco, or Modesto.

Poeple support bars only as much as the bar supports the town.

**Miss Lodi**

## Response From Stockton Bar Owner

**Dear Editor:**

In response to the letter written by Miss Lodi, I would like to say that Willie's is. . .a fun place to cruise, meet new friends, party, and dance. If the music is too loud for some, may I suggest coming in earlier, during quieter times. Willie's does have future plans for an arcade with pinball, pool, video and a quiet conversation bar.

While Willie's is not an advertising agency. . . special notices and events are posted on our bulletin board, and the Delta Empire and MCC both have posted events for our community.

Being a bar owner and DJ sometimes makes it difficult for me to socialize with customers unless they come up to the DJ booth. . . I would like to thank those of you in Stockton and surrounding communities who have supported Willie's and urge newcomers to come up to the DJ booth to say "Hi". I enjoy and welcome new friends.

**'Keep On Dancin'**
**Willie**


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# Reviews

## Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears

**Reviewed by Tim Stirling**

Unexpected winner of the Best Foreign Film Award at the '81 Oscars, **Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears** is pleasant, lightweight entertainment. What impact it has is not as a film, but as a Soviet film. Were it released by Hollywood, it would be dismissed as a soap opera, a well-intended but misguided attempt to say something ''meaningful'' about women's lives in a liberated age.

But the film is a Soviet product, duly approved and exported. In that unique context, the soap opera succeeds.

The story line is simple. Three young women housed in a Moscow workers' dormitory become close friends. They compare their dreams and share their heartaches. Each makes a different choice in life and love.

Antonina, simplest of the trio, returns to country life with her new husband. Irrepresible Liudmila fancies the glamor of the city; her endless wiles ensnare a handsome hockey star. Only Katerina, buffeted by the competing claims of city life and country customs, ends up (temporarily) alone.

Twenty years later we reencounter the three friends, their early choices set as lives. Antonina, mother to a sturdy brood, awaits her son's marriage. Liudmila bemoans her unwonted fate as a divorcee. Katerina, a successful executive, is a lonely single parent.

**Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears** presents a believable revelation — a Soviet society not so different from our own. Under the competent direction of Vladimir Menshov, the plot moves steadily forward toward a satisfying ending. The actors, particularly Vera Alentova as Katerina and Alexei Balatov as her new beau, Gosha, provide the American audience with ample opportunity for identification. The characters may occasionally look like the squeeky clean socialists of **Soviet Life,** but their problems are touching and universal.

Recommended, particularly for those who like their heartstrings pulled; at Tower for a limited run. ■

## Meg Christian to Appear in Sacramento Concert

**by Savannah Smith**

Four of the nicest words in the English language will be printed on a Sacramento playbill November 28th: **Meg Christian in Concert;** when Ms. Christian, one of the founders of Olivia Records, and America's foremost artist in the field of Women's music, appears at Sacramento City College Auditorium as part of a 36 city tour in celebration of the spirit and unity of women everywhere.

In a recent conversation, Meg reminisced about her early career and the beginning of Olivia: ''I grew up in Virginia and North Carolina, and I had my first public concert when I was six at a church talent show. I never really took it seriously until college. I thought it had all been my Mother's idea. I was all ready to sit back and be an English teacher, but I took some music theory courses, and I realized that there was whole world of music out there that I wanted to know about. . . I worked in nightclubs for years, and I hope kids coming up don't have to learn it that way, I would encourage them to find out how they can share their music in their own communities.''

''Olivia was begun in 1973 by a collective of performers, writers and politically-minded women who were concerned with women's issues. We obtained some private support, and we pooled all of our own income. We really struggled for the first few years, and money is still the barrier, but we had noticed the impact of women's concerts on our lives and decided that would be the way to go. I'm committed to Olivia Records and what we're trying to do here, and it would be wonderful if a cut from one of the albums became a big hit.'' In less than ten years Olivia Records and Meg Christian have reached their ''prudent balance'' in reaching women all over the world, of all ages, and all persuasions.

Meg's newest album, ''Turning it Over'', features instrumentals for the first time, and, while the title cut from the album is marvelous, a tune called ''There's a Light'' walks away with it. There are subtle differences in this album that make it her finest to date. A new

Meg emerges, one that retains all the best of the inner woman, yet tantalizes with new promise. I asked her about the change: ''I'm simply learning how to do what I do as well as I can do it. I think any change is part of a natural growing process. I worked with Odetta and Buffy St. Marie at the New York festival. It was a new audience for me, the folk audience, I loved it. I try to keep myself open to all possibilities. . . all opportunities.''

Though Meg has been called one of the Founding Mothers of women's music, it may be time for a new and less stodgy lable; as one young woman told me, excitedly waving a concert schedule, ''Meg is coming! Meg Christian, our First Lady of Women's Music.''

Meg Christian will appear at the Sacramento City College Auditorium Saturday, November 28, at 8 p.m. ■

## "LIGHT NIGHT" Looking for Women

Plans are underway for the 4th ''Light Night of Women's Music, to be held in late January, 1982, according to Jan-Michelle Sawyer, organizer of the upcoming and past ''Light Nights''. Sawyer is looking for women musicians who are interested in performing at the concert.

This ''Light Night'' will attempt to broaden the variety of music offered. Women who play piano, violin, wind or brass instruments and accordian, as well as guitarists and vocalists, are encouraged to participate. Bands are particularly sought, as are musicians performing original music.

Interested women should contact Sawyer at 446-6667 during the day, or 451-8701 in the evening, by November 1.

According to Sawyer, the philosophy of ''Light Night'' is that ''it is a community endeavor, an opportunity for women musicians to share their talents and aspirations with each other in a supportive atmosphere.'' Both professional and avocational musicians are welcome. ■

## Sacramento Symphony Chamber Players Announce Third Season

The Sacramento Symphony Chamber Players, an ensemble of 45 players from the Symphony, announce their third season under the direction of Music Director and Conductor of the Sacramento Symphony, Carter Nice. Four concerts comprise the 1981-1982 season in Sacramento. They will be held the Saturdays of October 24, February 6, March 6, and April 3. Concert time is 8:30 p.m. for all performances. Concert location is Hiram Johnson Auditorium, 14th Avenue at 65th St.

Tickets for the series in Sacramento are $18 for adults, $9 for students.

The first concert October 24 features Haydn's *Sinfonia Concertante Op. 84 in B flat*, Copland's *Music for the Theater*, and Mozart's *Serenade #9 in D, K. 320*, the ''Posthorn'' Serenade.

The second concert February 6 includes Lees' *Scarlatti Portfolio* and Dvorak's *Serenade for Winds in D minor*. Featured on this concert will be the *Creatures of Prometheus* by Beethoven.

The third concert in the series takes place March 6 and begins with Tchaikowsky's *Serenade for Strings Op. 48*. Cowell's *Persian Set* and Stravinsky's *L'Histoire du Soldat* are also included in the program.

The last concert in the series features the principal cellist of the Sacramento Symphony Burke Schuchmann in a performance of the *Concerto in C* by Haydn. Rounding out the program will be Ravel's *Tombeau de Couperin* and Strauss' *Bourgeois gentilhomme Suite, Op. 60*.

A free brochure on the series is available upon request from the Sacramento Symphony Office. For information and a brochure request, call (916) 488-0800. ■

## Charlie Murphy/ Richard Gray to Perform in Sacramento Concert

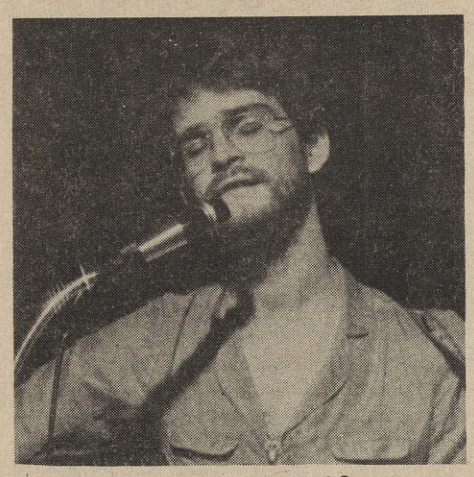
On Friday, November 6, The Sacramento Men's Collective will present Charlie Murphy, a Seattle-based gay singer/songwriter, and Richard Gray, currently from Sacramento, in concert at the La Semilla Cultural Center. This concert marks the fourth in a series produced by the Men's Collective in an effort to bring gay, anti-sexist, and pro-feminist artists to Sacramento.

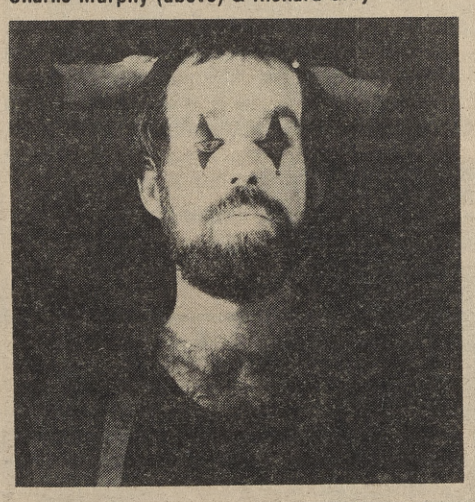
Charlie Murphy is known throughout the U.S. and Canada from his national tours. He has performed at the last three National Men's Conferences, Canadian and American Gay Conferences, as well as at many demonstrations and rallies. Recently, he performed at a series of demonstrations held in the area of the Three Mile Island nuclear accident. His compelling lyrics and unique vocal style charge his performances with excitement. He continually articulates the struggle to love as well as to challenge the culture which keeps us from wholeness. His album **Catch The Fire** was released this year by Good Fairy Productions and will be available the evening of the concert.

Richard Gray, performing his own music as well, will be making his sixth Sacramento appearance. Concerts and appearances in the L.A. area and in Northern California have created an enthusiastic and varied audience statewide for him. He has performed at the last two Sacramento Gay Pride Week Rallies and for the Sacramento Songwriter's Showcase. His songs offer remarkable lyrics and an on-target wit.

The concert is being co-sponsored by The Sacramento Men's Collective and Good Fairy Productions. Good Fairy Productions is a cultural collective committed to the fostering and development of a gay male feminist culture.

The performances start at 8 p.m. at La Semilla, 312 20th St., Sacramento. Tickets will be available at the door: $4 to $6, sliding scale. The hall is wheelchair accessible. Childcare and interpretation for the hearing-impaired is available. For further information, call 443-5001. ■





**Charlie Murphy (above) & Richard Gray**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# Standing Room Only

# The Second Annual West Coast Women's Music and Cultural Festival Raises Questions for Women's Movement

**Reported by Joyce Bright**

The list of performers and workshop leaders read like a who's-who in the women's movement: Meg Christian and Charlotte Bunch. Holly Near and Kate Millet. Flo Kennedy and Maiden Voyage. Directed by Torie Osborn. Produced and emceed by Robin Tyler, Camp Mather, September 10-13.

''A trip into an unusual and visionary world created by, for and about women.'' Sunbathing, swimming in a lake next to a lawn area for jam sessions, hiking in the woods of Yosemite, women displaying their crafts—this was to be a celebration, a festival. Think of it—4,000 women camping in the woods! Nirvana!

The reality was more like **Little Pilgrim's Progress,** with heaven nowhere in sight. Women attending discovered, once again, that if there is any way we can self-destruct, if there is any possibility for disagreement or confrontation, we will find it.

The environment itself tried the patience of even the most hardy. Dust was so thick many women wore breathing masks. It was impossible to find a clean place to sit. Finally, showers had to be rationed in order to keep the water pressure up due to the threat of fires.

Brief rain showers did not begin to settle the dust. But they were sufficient to delay the evening concerts; any water on the sound equipment would have ended all performances.

The high fire risk made camp fires or the use of cooking equipment out of the question. Finding hot water for coffee or tea was a doomed venture in frustration.

Of course, 4,000 women in the woods sounded heavenly, but the actual logistics of such an event were not. For example, how could you feed that many women?

Vegetarian cooking was the order of the day. It was very good. The problem was the wait in line. We waited an average of an hour in each meal line...shuffling feet in the dust, straining to hear the classical string ensemble, nerves stretching to the snapping point.

Adding to the frustration, communication problems developed. Women camping out in the woods had no way of knowing that meal times had been changed. The time and place of workshops changed with maddening regularity. Even when the workshops remained in place and started on time, the inability of many women to show up on time disrupted the proceedings.

Photo by Judi Wessel

This disrespect for each other's time—the inability to keep simple agreement with each other—is so flagrant an example of what's happening in the movement today that it raises some urgent questions! If we can't keep these simple agreements with each other, how are we ever going to keep the larger agreement we have concerning the transformation of the society we live in? If we can't be conscious enough to be at a workshop on time, how are we ever going to elevate anyone else's consciousness?

*Of course, the entire festival was not without its bright moments. The music aspect of the festival was outstanding! From the classical string ensemble at dinner to the late night dance bands the depth, variety, and perfection of women's music is something to be proud of.*

*Have you ever heard of a group called Somethin' Special? These three third world women blend rhythm-and-blues, gospel, and jazz in a way that made the spine tingle. They were great!*

*The crafts on display evidenced a wide variety of talent and interests. Of special note is the Bay area artist Jan U'Ren. I have never seen pencil portrait drawing any finer. Her portraits of Stein and Dietrik are unsurpassed.*

*The care and consideration for disabled women was laudable.*

But the most devastating event of this festival, a protest organized by the third world women, finally conspired to drain energy away even from the music, the very essence of why we were gathered together. This protest turned our celebration into a political forum that destroyed Saturday night's concert and left many angry women wondering why they had paid $65 only to be ridiculed from the stage as white classists.

Most disheartening of all, the verbal exchange on stage between Flo Kennedy and Robin Tyler was an embarrassment and an insult. Meg Christian and Teresa Trull didn't stand a chance after that.

Kate Millet, with her low voice and philosophical ellipticism, spoke on the first night of ''community''. 'We must,' she said, 'rise to a new level of community. The forces against us in the country today are too great, and, unless we discover this new level of community, we will fail as a movement. We are not together yet, not united. We must create another way to live.'

On the second day of the festival, I think I saw what Millet was talking about. Two very small children played in the camp pool. They didn't have any clothes on. They were not aware of being nude. They splashed at each other. They giggled. One small girl looked up, saw me, and smiled. The smile was clear-eyed and happy.

To be sure, they were children. But their abandon, their freedom, their fearlessness and joy are qualities of community we all have within us. Is it really society's fault if we refuse to recognize that part of ourselves? How long shall we remain powerless victims?

I think Kate Millet is right. Women **must** rise to a new level of community. This festival illustrated painfully that we are not there, that we are dissipating our energy in internal bickering, lacking a sense of pride, not an effective force in the world, not even an effective force in our own lives.

This event ominously epitomized some fundamental questions facing the women's movement! If we are fighting among ourselves, who will fight the enemy? If we are ignorant in our treatment of each other, who will enlighten the world? If we don't respect the talent that we have, if we don't respect ourselves, who will respect us? ■

## Holly Near to Appear in Sacramento Concert

Crystal Moon Productions is presenting **Holly Near** in concert with **Adrienne Torf** at 8 pm on Saturday, October 17, at Sacramento High School Auditorium, (34th & W St.), Sacramento. The concert is a fundraiser for the La Semilla Cultural Center. Ticket prices range from $7.00 to $10.00 on a sliding scale.

Susan Freudlich, ASL interpreter for the hearing impaired will interpret the concert. The auditorium is wheelchair accessible. Tickets are available in Sacramento at the Women's Center/ Lioness Books and Tower; in Davis at Barney's Music; or by mail (by Oct. 10) from Crystal Moon Productions. For further information call Crystal Moon Productions at 421-0144. ■

## Girlage!

Photography Exhibit by Jim Joke, Harvey Milk Recreation Center, Lower Level, 50 Scott St., San Francisco, Sept. 16 thru 30.

This exciting collection of photographs by Jim Joke offers a glimpse into the lives of some of San Francisco's most colorful characters. Wild, rebellious, uninhibited and unquestionably gay (thus the title ''GIRLAGE!'') are his subjects, captured in their almost theatrical performances on the stage of San Francisco's post-punk 80s experience. He subtly combines documentary and portrait photography in a style that mimics the very subject matter he portrays, the fringes of society.

This will be Jim Joke's second show at the Milk Center. The show is free to the public and open Monday thru Thursday from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m.; Friday thru Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ■

## Lesbian Beauty Contest Announced

The Ms. Gay California '81 Pageant will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25, 1981 in San Diego at Sorino's Ballroom for lesbian women only.

Contestants will appear first in casual wear, then full length evening gown.

''Ms. Gay California '81'' will win $200 and a beautiful trophy. The 1st Runner-up will receive $100 and a trophy. The 2nd Runner-up will receive $50 and a trophy.

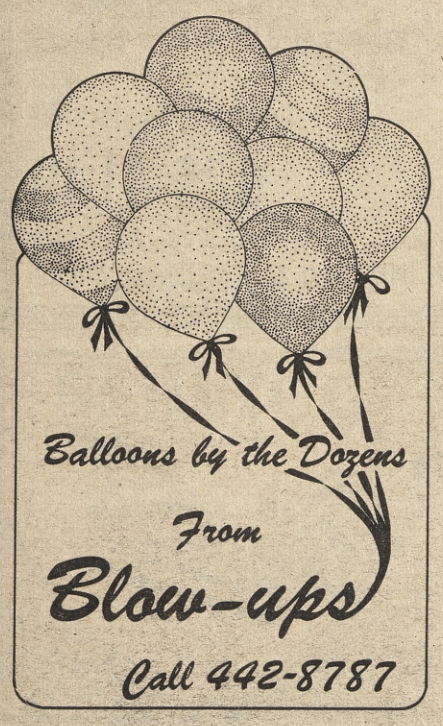
For further information call (714) 692-1967 or (714) 297-2217. The $5 general admission will benefit the Harvey Milk Memorial Scholarship Fund for Lesbian and Gay Male Students and the San Diego Forum.

Contestant entry fee is $20 and money orders should be made out to the San Diego Forum. Ms. Gay California Pageant, c/o 3948 5th Ave., No. 44, San Diego, CA 92103. ■

## Snow White Champagne Ball for Women Set

The **6th Annual Snow White Champagne Ball** has been set for Saturday evening, December 19, 1981 at **The Victorian,** 917 H Street in Sacramento from 8 pm to 2 am. The Snow White Champagne Ball is a private, semi-formal Christmas Party for women only. The Ball was established six years ago so single and coupled gay women could celebrate the holidays together in a grand and formal setting.

Tickets are available at $15, which includes Champagne, hors d'oeuvres, live music, a beautiful Victorian Mansion, and a no-host bar. For an invitation and/or tickets mail a check, self-addressed stamped envelope for ticket return by December 12 to Linda D. Birner, Box 8170, Sacramento, CA 95818. (916) 456-5858. No tickets will be available at the door. ■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# Grow It!!!

## Create a Beautiful Spring Garden Now

**by David Black**

There is nothing more joyous than the coming of springtime, when that delightful new freshness is suddenly in the air, and the sunshine is bright and warm. All around you, the world seems to be coming alive. And nothing is more beautiful than the spring bulb flowers that pop up in mystical splendor in joyful colors with fragrance that seems to sing out that spring has finally come.

Now is the time to plant spring flowering bulbs, if you wish to enjoy those moments in the months to come. But don't delay! It will be too late to plant these bulbs if you wait until this spring when they start popping up in everyone's yard but your own.

Planting a spring bulb garden is simple. First, select only good quality bulbs. Make sure they are solid, plump, and free from deep scars. The variety of bulbs ready to plant includes tulips, crocus, daffodils, hyacinth, anemone, ranunculus, narcissus, Scilla, bulbous iris, Muscari, Fritillaria, Allium, and more.

Plant the bulbs immediately. If this is not possible, keep the bulbs in a cool, dry place until you are ready to plant.

Bulbs can be grown anywhere in the garden. Spring bulbs don't need full sunshine. In fact, part shade is preferable for longer lasting blooms.

When you plant your bulb garden, aid for an informal look. Arrange the bulbs in clusters or wavy lines to avoid a stiff, structured look. Don't set them in the ground in straight rows. Plant drifts of at least 25 to 50 bulbs in mass plantings. Intermixing colors and textures in the drifts will create lots of excitement and interest. Stagger bulbs back and forth so that colors flow into one another. Let whites and yellows grade into intense pinks and purples. Don't overdo it with mixing, however. Too many colors and types can become too busy looking and should be avoided.

Plant the bulbs in any soil provided it is well drained. If your soil is too heavy with clay, add an organic soil amendment such as a redwood or fir bark product. If the soil is too sandy, work in some peat. Blend it in well to a depth of 12-18 inches. Plant the bulbs at the right depth.

The diagram on this page illustrates the planting depth of most bulb varieties. Bulbs should be spaced the same distance apart as the planting depth (as a general rule of thumb). For example, tulips should be planted 6'' deep and 6'' apart.

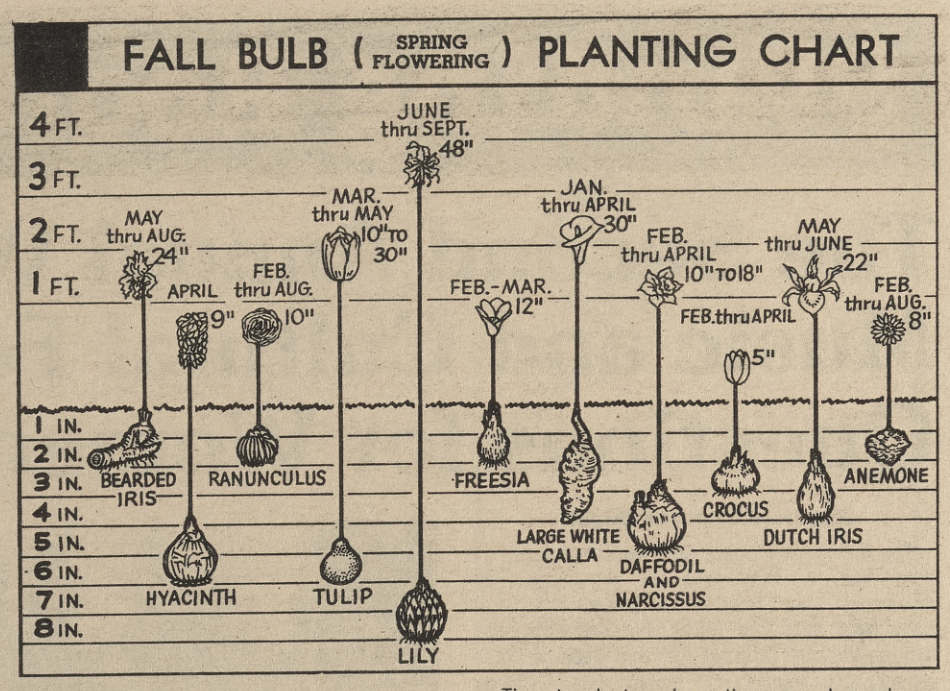
Fertilize with bone meal or a bulb food at planting time. Fertilizing is recommended again with an all purpose fertilizer when spring shoots appear.

It's very important to give the bulbs a good watering right after planting. If there is a long period of time during the winter when there is no ample rainfall, bulb beds should be watered regularly during these times as well.

In the spring, after the bulbs are through blooming, remove the old flowers. Do not cut the foliage, as the bulb needs its foliage to begin to rebuild next year's bulb. Foliage and stems must be left on the plant until they have dried and yellowed. Then the bulbs can be lifted and stored in a cool dry spot until next fall when they can be planted again.

Now just sit back and leave the rest to Mother Nature. Before you know it, spring will be rolling around, and your garden will be filled with rich red tulips, sunshiny daffodils, and wonderfully fragrant hyacinths.

*Next month. . . Forcing Bulbs in Pots.* ■




## Gardener's Weekend Checklist

**by David Black**

The fall is the best time to plant deciduous and evergreen trees, shrubs, vines, and ground covers. By planting now, you will get a jump on those planted in the spring. Despite minimal or lack of topgrowth in the winter, the roots underground continue to grow. Come spring, your plants will be ready to take off.

Now is also a good time to plant a new lawn or to reseed those bare spots in your lawn.

Fertilize your lawn for the last time this year to tide it over until early spring. Use a balanced organic base fertilizer. An organic fertilizer provides a slow steady release of nutrients and is not as easily leached away by winter rains.

Try growing a winter vegetable garden this year. Set out transplants of cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, brussel sprouts, celery, collards, swiss chard, onion sets, and garlic.

Time to plant cool weather annuals such as pansy, violas, primroses, calendula, snapdragons, stock, Iceland poppy, dianthus, and sweet william. Chrysanthemums are now available in bud and bloom at your local nursery.

Begin the winter feeding of camellias, azaleas, rhododendrons, citrus, and other evergreen spring flowering trees and shrubs with 0-10-10 fertilizer. This fertilizer formula contains phosphorus and potassium. When used on plants during the fall and winter months, it helps to build stronger roots, stems, and flower buds. It also helps to protect plants from winter disease and cold, damp weather.

Now is a good time to check your local nurseries for camellias in bud. By doing this, you can get the pick of the litter in the way of selection and quality.

**Have a gardening problem bugging you? Then write to this newspaper care of ''Grow It!'' Please be sure to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a reply. Questions frequently asked will be answered in upcoming issues.** ■

## How's Your Lovelife? Help for Gay & Lesbian Relationships

Drs. Betty Berzon and Rex Reece are conducting **The Lovelife Workshops,** a series of *educational programs focusing on gay and* lesbian relationships. The Los Angeles area programs will consist of one day workshops, intensive weekends, and weekly groups for same-sex couples and for individual lesbians and gay men.

Both openly gay therapists, Berzon and Reece cite the differing ways in which males and females are usually socialized as the basis for special dilemmas in same-sex relationships. ''Two women, each conditioned to be nurturing and emotionally supportive but passive and reticent in sexual matters, may have a satisfying relationship in every way but sexually. Two men, who have learned well to compete with other men may be too focused on performance to allow real intimacy to occur. Learning to understand these dynamics can help in moving beyond the *problems they produce to more satisfying and* emotionally healthy relationships.''

The October schedule features a one day workshop for men on ''Making Contact Easier'', learning to overcome shyness and initiate social contact, conducted by Dr. Reece, and ''The Lover Search'' for women, conducted by Dr. Berzon.

Dr. Reece conducts two one-day workshops for men in November, ''After the Honeymoon, What?'' and ''Keeping Sex Alive in a Relationship,'' (for male couples).

Dr. Berzon conducts ''The Lover Search'' for women again in December.

Dr. Reece is certified as a sex therapist by the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists. He is a licensed Marriage and Family Counselor in private practice in Los Angeles and Beverly Hills, specializing in working with gay men.

Dr. Berzon is Co-Editor of the book ''Positively Gay: New Approaches in Gay Life,'' published in 1979. She is a licensed Marriage and Family Counselor, practicing in West Hollywood, specializing in working with lesbians and gay men.

For further information call Dr. Reece at (213) 465-3219 or Dr. Berzon at (213) 653-2912. ■

## Alaska Newspaper In Trouble

In an effort to pump new life into Gay Alaska magazine, editor-publisher Eugene Haberman is relocating part of the paper's operation to Seattle, Washington. Haberman hopes the increased circulation area will generate more advertising and public support for the Anchorage-based paper.

Often attacked in the past by Alaska's Moral Majority, the magazine has suffered from advertising withdrawal due to its criticism of Christian fundamentalist groups. Haberman, no longer able to personally make up for the paper's losses, hopes to garner new support from ''the lower forty-eight'', as he calls the continental U.S. The magazine is switching to a slick-finish format and will be sold in newsstands throughout Alaska and metropolitan Seattle.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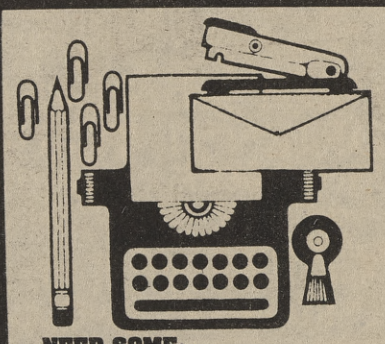

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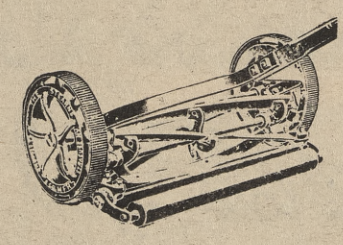

# OUR BODIES OUR MINDS

## Muscular Dystrophy

**by Harvey Thompson, M.D.**

*Point-Counterpoint is a way of presenting both sides of a controversial issue: the recent $2,500 contribution to Muscular Dystrophy. There were strong letters to the Editor against the money; and there were letters of praise. You decide.*

### *Point!*

Recently, over $2,500 was raised for Muscular Dystrophy by the Sacramento gay community. Walter Coburn organized the fundraiser and worked hard as usual. Six weeks of campaigning ended with a barbecue he organized. The fundraiser was part of the Sacramento Cowboy/Cowgirl Contest, and each contestant solicited money for Muscular Dystrophy, and, in this manner, voters supporter their candidates. One person, Tom Corbin, raised over $1,000, the highest amount ever contributed by a contestant.

It is fitting that they chose to donate toward Muscular Dystrophy because that is a non-bigoted disease that can strike anyone—gay or straight. This seems a good way to start the decade of the 80s after the 'looking out for myself' attitude of the 70s.

Certainly the gay community could use the ''PR,'' since we are often thought of as shiftless or irresponsible. Since we need to feel better about ourselves, this giving will increase our own self-respect.

Muscular Dystrophy affects children more often than adults. They are the innocent ones who suffer the most without the understanding that comes with age. Even though we are gay, we, too, were children, and by our contributions, we help our younger brothers and sisters.

Jerry Lewis said it best as follows: ''I've held little kids on my lap who couldn't walk without braces and couldn't run with them. I've talked to bright teenagers whose helpless bodies had to be carried from bed to wheelchair to bathroom during the day and turned over during the night. I've joked with adult patients who couldn't laugh because they have no muscles to smile with. . . ''

The Muscular Dystrophy organization has over 200 clinics around the country (including Sacramento) and a sizable portion of the research is even done at the Davis Medical School. Therefore, it is very fitting that we look out after our own community.

MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association, in case you thought of anything else) provides so many patient services, and it is unique in that there is no assessment of need, but, instead, every patient gets his/her fair share. But research is sorely needed, since the cause of Muscular Dystrophy is unknown.

We were very pleased to receive a letter of thanks from the local Muscular Dystrophy Association, and specifically from their Director, Ruth Jarvis. This is only one example of the praise we received from the straight community, for, in addition, there was the TV presentation of the check.

Sometimes the gay community can be so divided: what better way to develop unity than for everyone to get behind a cause such as Muscular Dystrophy.

It is sad that the very people who are doing the most for the gay community have to be criticized for their efforts. We can only hope that they will share their vision and that of Jerry Lewis, who said it best in the MDA brochure: ''Someday I hope to walk into the homes of my sons and have husky grandchildren swarm all over me—the way my own boys did when they were little.'' (hmmm) ''And I want every father and mother in the world to have the same joy. . . ''

Jerry, we men of the gay community may not have husky grandchildren swarming over us like you evidentally will, but we too have shared in the joy!

### *Counterpoint!*

Muscular Dystrophy is rare; even the most common form of it, Duchenne's, affects only 10,000 children in the whole United States. Many physicians never even see a case.

Therefore, it seems strange that Muscular Dystrophy has become the battle cry of one of the most successful and organized Madison Avenue campaigns behind the name of Jerry Lewis. Nearly one fifth of the contributed money alone goes just to the staffs and fundraisers of this huge project in the nearly 200 offices across the country who are happy to meet with you and assist your money out of your pockets.

In looking over their 1981 Annual Financial Report, the figures show that only a small part of the money ever reaches the patient. Most goes into people's salaries, their travel and meeting expenses. A large portion of the contributions go for awards and grants to the researchers who will continue to expand to whatever size their lifelines support.

Gays have to look after themselves. Most Muscular Dystrophies are inherited disorders, and genetic counseling is one of the most important preventatives. Why should we help straights out of a predicament they created themselves?

Now we have over 100 cases of a strange ''gay'' cancer that no one understands but has been creeping across the United States. Muscular Dystrophy is not associated with pain, and it doesn't affect your senses. On the other hand, kaposi sarcoma is a painful, debilitating cancer that has killed previously healthy young men in less than a couple of years in about half the cases. Will Jerry Lewis campaign for us to raise the money for its research?

Next year the hepatitis shots will be available to prevent Hepatitis B. Each shot will cost about $100-$150, and a two or three shot series is necessary. The gay community was the guinea pig for that vaccine and had a 90% follow-up rate, unheard of in other series of vaccine testing. Will we get the credit for a vaccine that is right now being touted for the spouses of Hepatitis B patients, nurses, etc. without a single mention of the male homosexual?

A lot of people are not going to be able to afford that shot which could save their lives; several people from Sacramento County have died from Hepatitis B, but I've never seen a single case of Muscular Dystrophy. There is no treatment for Muscular Dystrophy, and its answers are a long way off. The answers for Hepatitis B are just around the corner, and here's a chance to prevent a disease that affects most gay males.

Don't give to charity when you can't take care of your own. Jerry Lewis' Muscular Dystrophy campaign seems to have replaced the Boys Town campaign of several years ago that was becoming an American institution until someone blew the whistle on their ever expanding empire. Muscular Dystrophy raised more money last year than ever before, but, wouldn't you know, they also spent more than ever before, and the expenses exceeded the income (is there no end?)

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# Local Happenings

## SAC State GPU Provides New Services, Youth Services Targeted

CSUS Gay People's Union is publishing a monthly newsletter entitled, ''The Open Door''. So named because the Union is open to students and non-students alike, the publication provides information on key members, staff persons, events, meetings, and resources for the gay student.

Two new offerings by the group this year are the women's support group, ''For Women Only'', and the ''Young Adult Rap Group'', which is co-sponsored by the River City Family. Continuing from last year is the informal ''Coming Out Rap Group'', as well as peer counseling.

CSUS offers what may be the most complete range of services in Sacramento for young gay people. For more information on GPU activities, call: Sharon McDonnell, President (446-1171); or Bruce McDannold, Counseling Education Director (447-9330). ■

## Second Annual Take Back The Night March Scheduled

The Second Annual Take Back The Night March is scheduled for Friday, October 23. The March begins at 8:00 at the Circle of Capitol Mall. A rally featuring speakers, music and a self-defense demonstration will be held immediately following the March.

Women are urged to bring creative lighting. Join in Taking Back the Night! For more information contact Debbie Wender at Sacramento Rape Crisis, 447-3223. ■

## Valley Knights Host Reno; Plan Christmas Show for Dec. 12

The Valley Knights Motorcycle Club recently hosted the Knights of Malta from Reno for the 4th Annual Valley Knights State Fair Invitational and are now hard at work planning the 5th Annual Valley Knights Christmas Show to be held at Turn Verein Hall on December 12, 1981.

Each year the Valley Knights invite an out-of-town motorcycle club to be their guests for a state fair weekend, and this year the Knights of Malta from Reno were their guests. Weekend festivities began with the Saturday afternoon arrival of the Knights of Malta at the Wreck Room, and, after a few appropriate toasts, the members of the two clubs adjourned to the homes of Valley Knights' members to relax before attending a yard party and barbecue dinner that evening. After dinner, many members of the two clubs relaxed in a hot tub before finishing the evening in the Sacramento bars.

Sunday morning the Valley Knights held an open meeting over breakfast at the Incredible Edible Restaurant. The Valley Knights presented each member of the Knights of Malta with a ''Friend of the Valley Knights'' button, and the Knights of Malta presented the Valley Knights with a framed copy of their club emblem. After breakfast, the Valley Knights, the Knights of Malta, and their friends rode to Cal Expo for a day of fun at the California State Fair.

The Valley Knights Christmas Show has become an annual holiday tradition in our community, and this year's ''Christmas Knights 1981'' will offer an evening to remember, with entertainment and fun in abundance, and a chance to win valuable raffle prizes. The members of the Valley Knights and their friends have already been working hard to make this year's Christmas show a big success. Those that have attended the Christmas show in past years know that each year the show is bigger and better than the year before and won't want to miss out on the great Christmas party that this year's show promises to be.

Mark your calendars now to reserve December 12th to join the Valley Knights Motorcycle Club at the Turn Verein Hall for the ''Christmas Knights 1981''. ■

## Awful Annie's Sponsors Benefit

Awful Annie's Sandwichery in Old Town, Auburn, is sponsoring a benefit for the Northridge School for Autistic Children, noon to 6 p.m., October 11. There will be continuous music, booze, games, crafts, food, etc. Donation is $2.50. For info call 885-9857. ■

## Sac State GPU Will Host Gay Lawyer

The Gay Peoples Union of Cal State University, Sacramento, is working to present a variety of speakers and performers of interest to lesbians and gay men during the coming year, reports Community Education director Jason Lindo. GPU's plans include guests in the fields of music, theatre, religion, literature, psychology, and law.

Hayden Curry, attorney and co-author of **A Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples,** will be the first speaker, on Wednesday, October 21, at 8 pm in Anthropology 108 on the CSUS campus. His topic will be 'Legal Strategies for Gays and Lesbians', covering such subjects as couple contracts and artificial insemination contracts. At his request, Curry will meet with members of the community at a no-host reception after his talk.

The book which Curry co-authored with Denis Clifford, **A Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples,** is a large, $10.95, 250-page paperback published by Addison-Wesley Publishing Co. It is well-written, in language non-lawyers can understand, and covers all legal aspects of gay living together, including living-together contracts, buying and selling property, relating to former spouses, child custody and visitation rights, and estate planning. This very popular book (it has been on the national gay bestseller list for several months) also provides sample contracts, forms, agreements, and wills.

Curry is interested in conducting workshops on legal issues for lesbians and gay men in Sacramento, if there is sufficient response at his lecture in October. He will deal with issues that are important for all of us.

For further information about this or other GPU activities, call 446-1171. ■

## Racism and Feminism Conference Set

''Women's Awareness: A Conference on Racism and Feminism'' is being held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, October 3, at Sacramento City College.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and cost for this seminar, including lunch and childcare, is $6.

Co-sponsored by the Sacramento YWCA and other area women's organizations, this program is designed to let women of all backgrounds and ethnicities deal with their own and society's racist attitudes.

After Rita Wedding's keynote address, ''Racism and Feminism'', the conference will split into workshops and discussion groups.

In the morning, women will meet in their own ethnic groups for a structured discussion about the stereotypes of women and racism. Afternoon discussion group topics range from racism in the feminist movement to raising children in a non-sexist, non-racist manner.

Other aspects of the conference include a values clarification workshop, reports and action plans based upon group discussions, a summary by Irene Tovar and native American opening and closing ceremonies.

For more information, contact the YWCA at 442-4741. ■

## Agnos to Speak to Lesbian/Gay State Workers

Assemblyman Art Agnos of San Francisco, author of AB1 and supporter of gay rights in the state legislature, will speak at the October meeting of the Association of Gay and Lesbian State employees. The meeting will be held on October 13, at 6 p.m., at the Incredible Edible restaurant (Alhambra at N Street). Agnos will discuss how gays and lesbians can sharpen their skills in lobbying and persuasion. Info: evenings, 427-2688 or 965-6851. ■

## Grand Duke & Grand Duchess Ball Announced

G.N.I.E. presents the Grand Duke & Grand Duchess Ball 1982, on Saturday night January 30th, 1982, slated to be held at Turn Verein Hall. More information will be available soon at your favorite watering hole. Plan on joining the Sacramento community in electing our new Grand Duke & Grand Duchess, and have a fun-filled evening of elegance and dancing. ■

# Aunt Gladys

## Dear Aunt Gladys:

Good to have somebody to unload this on. How do you feel about ''friends'' who makes passes at my lover when I am standing there? This happens in a bar when we meet these ''friends'' or at parties. Sometimes they make passes at me when he is there. We both agree that we don't want it. Please comment. J. R. Dallas

**Dear J.R.:**

**You signed your letter ''J. R. Dallas'', but I don't think you're the famous TV JR. My feeling is, if these people know that you and your lover do not like having passes made at you, and they do so, they are not your friends.**

**But it is worth bearing in mind that the gay community generally seems to feel that anything and everything is okay. More than that, there is an attitude that says, ''I can do anything I want.'' There are no rules of etiquette and very little sense of decency or consideration for other people's feelings. You may not be able to change the rules, or to establish them. But you can change your friends, or be more careful in picking them.**

Dear Aunt Gladys:

Don't you think a lover should stand up for you and be supportive? My lover puts me down in public but tells me later he was only being honest. G J, Carmichael

**Dear G.J.,**

**Yes, I think a lover should be supportive, and I think a person ought to be honest. What I gather from your letter is that there is a great deal of hostility between you and your lover that is being aired in public rather than discussed or worked out in private. The two of you might consider sitting down with a counselor and discussing expectations and responses and also the notions of what honesty and support mean. There should not be a conflict between being honest and being supportive.**

Dear Aunt Gladys:

When I go to a bar nobody ever talks to me. Sometimes I stand for hours and no one comes over and says anything to me. What's wrong? I don't think I'm that unattractive. S.B., Sacramento

**Dear S.B.:**

**Have you ever considered going over and talking to anyone? It probably has nothing to do with the way you look. Think of a few good openers before you go out the next time. Try a flattering remark about something someone is wearing, or there is always the weather for openers. I would suggest that you begin by asking about the other person rather than sounding off about yourself. Prod the other into talking. If you don't act like a wallflower, you won't be one. And remember, if you don't get any response the first couple of tries, keep at it. After all, you have nothing to lose.** ■

## State Employees Poll May Raise Gay Issues

The California State Employees Association is now polling state workers to find out what subjects they want included in CSEA's contract with the state government. A clause prohibiting discrimination against lesbians and gay men could be added at no cost to the state or its taxpayers, and another clause requiring health coverage for significant others (including lovers), regardless of the worker's marital status, could also be added. CSEA will bargain for items recommended by the most people.

Since most people do not respond to polls and surveys, those who do speak out will speak with a greater voice. If you are a state employee, you can exert extraordinary influence on the collective bargaining process just by expressing your opinion in the CSEA questionnaire. ■

## Queen Mother, King Father Ball Set for October

The annual Queen Mother and King Father Ball will be held October 17 at the Lake Merritt Hotel in Oakland. The celebration will feature a hot buffet and dancing as well as live entertainment by popular cabaret performer David Reighn. MCs for the event will be Empress Jack ''E'' of Reno and Empress Stephanie Fox of Portland. Tickets are $15 for the ball, $8 for the victory brunch, and $20 for the package. Candidate applications and information are available by calling (408) 264-1453. ■

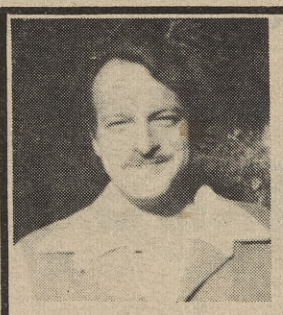
## Gay Atheists Hold First Annual Convention

Over 70 members and friends of the Gay Atheist League of America met at the Pride Center in San Francisco, August 14th to 16th, for the organization's first annual national convention. GALA, founded in 1978, has 600 members nationwide, with chapters established or in formation in 12 cities from coast to coast.

The convention achieved its purpose of drafting a national constitution for the organization. An acting Executive Committee was named, including Tom Rolfsen, President; Kevin Scahill of Denver, Vice-Presisent; and Stephen Patrick of San Francisco, Secretary/Treasurer. Don Barrington and Don Sanders, Presidents of the New York and Houston chapters, were appointed Special Advisors to the Committee.

Delegates also approved resolutions calling for the repeal of the federal sodomy statute (10 US Code, Section 925), the abolition of religious exemptions from military service which discriminate against nonbelievers, and an end to the preferential treatment of churches over all other non-profit organizations in matters of tax and financial disclosure exemptions. It was further decided that a special Legal Fund should be established.

Information about the Gay Atheist League of America can be obtained by writing: GALA, P.O. Box 14142, San Francisco, CA 94114. ■

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# San Francisco Gay Mens Chorus — National Tour '81 Part 3

**by Norv Giles**

Arrival in Sea-Tac is festive with members of Seattle's and Portland's Gay Mens Choruses meeting us with a ''Welcome'' banner held high. Our hotel is next to the site of the 1962 World's Fair and the Space Needle is directly opposite our window.

Dinner with a cousin not seen in 20 years is pleasant at a waterside restaurant on Lake Union underneath the I-5 bridge.

Our last tour performance is only a third full and marred by a phoned bomb-threat which extends intermission while we vote on evacuation or continuation. We choose the latter, come together for hugging and touching and then march onto the stage. Second half of program proceeds to its conclusion with no problem. The audience is on its feet after the final piece when from the back of the auditorium come four members of the hosting Choruses down the aisle with large bouquets of balloons, march on to the stage and pass them out, enough for each one of us. It upstages the usual sprays of flowers brought to Dick. It is a great way to end our tour and a unique touch from them to us.

Afterglow here is not memorable because we are expected to sing music we have never seen before and because we are still on EDT and our bodies are raging with fatigue.

Breakfast at the Space Needle gives us a panoramic view of Seattle for one full revolution and we discuss the wind down of the tour. Our review in the **Post-Intelligencer** is good.

For the last time the Chorus is divided into two aircraft on separate airlines, one direct to SFO, the other with a stopover in Portland. Our arrivals are close, we gather our luggage and go to the four chartered buses each with banners of identification on their sides, each with two dozen bottles of champagne icing down in bins on the front seats. PAA members are there to meet us and give us orange carnations and toast our return.

Driving up the Bayshore Freeway and over to Eureka Valley we are greeted with honks, waves and smiles, a hint of what is to come. We regroup at 24th and Castro and impatiently await the descent to 18th Street, not sure what is to happen next. A large group of motorcycles form up at the head of our caravan and at 5:30 we descend the hill. The crowds on the sidewalk grow larger as we get closer and we are anxious to get off the bus. The throng brings the buses to a halt near 18th and Castro and we are raging to get off and let them welcome us.

As if on cue all four buses disgorge their passengers and the chorus goes to its knees to kiss the ground: at long last we are home where we can express affection openly just as our song says; the weather is spectacular and much flesh is visible. It is like the end of World War II—we hug and kiss everyone in sight—our joy is boundless.

Armistead Maupin and John Sims have organized a formal welcome and Certificates of Appreciation are read first to the BAWQ and then to SFGMC. Gay civic pride brings tears to many eyes and we revel in the exultations. Friends meet us and we gather our luggage for the last time and hail a taxi for the ride home. We have made history by singing a love song to the nation.

### HOMECOMING CONCERT AND PARADE

**Thursday, 25 June,** a ''tech'' rehearsal with the Mixed Chorus is scheduled at Davies Symphony Hall. For us it is fairly mechanical, but still it symbolizes our homecoming as we are about to sing to ''Our Own'' and the anticipation is evident.

The big night arrives and we group at the doors leading to the terrace seats behind the stage where we are to sing with the Mixed Chorus grouped on stage. Our only cue is applause from the hall and when it starts, we march on to the Terrace: it's a miscue and we find ourselves alone to receive the first standing ovation from this sold-out house. Finally the Mixed Chorus marches on stage followed by Robin Kay and Dick Kramer and a special guest appearance by Mayor Diane Feinstein. She quotes from several of our reviews, expresses her personal and civic pride and presents us with a Key to the City, a replica of the key to Mission Dolores. It is a first for San Francisco as keys are reserved for visiting dignitaries: she says, ''it could not be more appropriate.''

The performance proceeds apace accompanied at times by the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra, each number followed by increasingly thunderous applause. We choose to sing one encore to take advantage of the BSO's presence: ''Pilgrims Chorus'' from Wagner's opera ''Tannhauser.'' Crepe paper streamers pour down from the balcony, countless floral bouquets are presented and large bunches of balloons are brought on stage: a veritable orgasm of boundless joy. Our eyes are brimming with tears that no one wants to hide. Needless to say, it makes up for so many intimidating moments out of our collective pasts and we revel again in the immense satisfaction.

**Sunday, 28 June** finds us gathering at Folsom and Beale around the sound truck, awaiting our turn to take our place in the parade line-up. We watch the Square Dancers and Twirling Corps members warm up; there is a breeze but it is going to be a perfect day.

Finally, we take our place and march up Spear, and just as we turn onto Market Street we are singing ''San Francisco'' and it gives us a surge of pride. Arm in arm up Market Street to the cheers and smiles of thousands of gay men and women, we sing along with the music coming from the sound truck. All the way to United Nations Plaza waving and singing, cheering and smiling, high energy flowing to and from us. It is a far cry from ''Stonewall'' and ''Prop 6'' and farther still from the freedom from discrimination toward which we are striving: a plateau for us to gather strength. And then it is over.

### IMPRESSIONS AND REACTIONS

It is easy to perceive this tour as one of the most emotion-laden experiences of my adult life; I am almost limp from the overload and crave an opportunity to desensitize as soon as possible. I sense a new level of consciousness among us and among gay Americans, a new sense of tolerance, if you will, among non-gays. Each performance location has its own unique ambiance, but a binding sense that we are all Americans surfaced everywhere we went and that we can successfully love one another without fear of retribution or judgement.

Only a few of us have talked about what has happened within the Chorus. In addition to the copious quantity of diverse talents, the high-level of cooperation reflects the integrity throughout the group. The logistics for getting this many men coordinated for such an undertaking are staggering: the miracle is that it came off with only minor hitches. I have never seen so many men adapt so readily to constantly changing circumstances.

We sang a love song to the nation as a form of atonement for the double assassination and have made history in the process. Can man possibly have any greater purpose or more noble calling than this? ■

# Update on "Gay" Cancer and Pneumonia

The increasing numbers of Kaposi's sarcoma has been labeled an epidemic by U.S. health officials. Approximately 100 cases have now been identified in males between the ages of 25 and 50 who were previously healthy, and 30% of these have died. The cause continues to be unknown, but there is speculation that something is wiping out host defenses.

A task force has been established to monitor large gay communities, and, of course, San Francisco is expected to be one of the monitoring centers. The newly assigned head of the task force on kaposi's sarcoma will be Dr. James Curran, who was a past director of the hepatitis research program and has worked closely with the gay community.

The Public Health Department has been extremely interested in the cancer epidemic and views it as a serious health problem. It has been given high priority.

The task force will also be investigating cases of pneumocystis pneumonia, and, in fact, the study's full name is Task Force on Kaposi's Sarcoma and Opportunistic Infections. The pneumonia is a relatively rare illness but is not new. It is an opportunistic type infection that is usually seen in patients with lowered resistence such as those cancer patients on chemotherapy. Why it is attacking previously healthy young male homosexuals is unknown, but there is speculation that concurrent viral infections may leave them susceptible. Unfortunately, about 60% of the pneumocystis patients have died.

In some patients, the two diseases were occurring in combination, which suggests some common etiology.

One of the first objectives of the task force will begin 1 October when a case control study will be done in which people with the diseases will be compared to people who have not been infected. Over 20 experts from the National Center for Disease Control will be involved and include professionals from the Center's cancer, viral parasitic and venereal disease branches. ■


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THE CITY RESTAURANT. Dinner, 1946 Broadway, inside Broadway Ltd. 731-8226.

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PHYLLIS KAUFMAN, L.C.S.W., Lic. #L5123. 820 24th St. 95816. 966-5116.

ELLIE ZACKS, L.C.S.W. #6308, 3333 Watt Ave., #209. 482-6878.

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## TELEGRAMS

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## THEATRE

OLD EAGLE THEATER, 925 Front St. 446-6761, Sacto.

## TRAVEL AGENTS

DAVIS TRAVEL SERVICE, 1011 L St., Sacramento. Dan Rundle. 443-2036.

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# Get the Word Out

SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS EARLY

THE DEADLINE FOR CALENDAR ITEMS IS THE 15TH OF THE MONTH BEFORE THE DATE OF ISSUE. PLAN AHEAD AND SEND US CALENDAR ITEMS TWO MONTHS EARLY SO THAT ALL OUR READERS WILL BE INFORMED OF YOUR EVENT. OUR BULK MAILING PERMIT SOMETIMES DOES NOT GET MGW TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS EARLY IN THE MONTH AND THEY MISS LEARNING ABOUT IMPORTANT DATES.

## OCTOBER

1 Thur **12 Day Hawaiian Sightseeing Trip.** Tour 4 islands. Includes accommodations, round trip air fare, inter-island transportation, baggage handling, sightseeing excursions, a luau and more! Sponsored by Lady Garnett Presents. Contact Gary Kottke (H) 371-2474 or (W) 758-3470.
2 Fri **CSUS Gay Peoples' Union Open Door Potluck,** 7:30 pm, 446-1171.
3 Sat **Our River City Family** trip to Tiffany's Art Exhibit/DeYoung Museum, SF, 8 am, 453-0635 or 487-9629.
4 Sun **Womankind Health Clinic** Potluck & Membership Meeting, 2991 Brookstone Way, Sacto, 5-7 pm. 452-KIND.
4 Sun **Meg Christian,** Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell, SF, 8 & 10 pm, $6.50, (415) 885-0750.
5 Mon **CSUS Gay Peoples' Union Coming Out Group,** University Union, Miwok Rm, 4:30 pm, 447-9330.
5 Mon **For Women Only Support Group,** CSUS University Union, Placer Room, 7:30 pm, 446-1171.
6 Tue **Sacto Political Action Caucus** general meeting, 7 pm, 457-7489.
6 Tue **Parents of Gays Group Forming** in Modesto, (209) 529-9080.
7 Wed **Man Two Man,** Our River City Family social event for men, 7:30 pm, 484-7812, 457-7489, or 457-1425.
8 Thur **Our River City Family Council** Meeting, 7:30 pm, 457-7489.
8 Thur **River City Business Association** general meeting.
10 Sat **Gay Night at Marriott's Great America** with **Robin Tyler.** 3-8 pm, mix with public, 8-11 pm, private. Sponsored by Great Outdoor Adventures, $13 members/$15 nonmembers. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope to GOA, 1618 Castro, San Francisco 94114.
10 Sat **Our River City Family** carpools to Gay Night at Marriots, 363-5890 or 927-6524.
10 Sat **Our River City Family** meets at China Camp, Old Sacramento for "Morgan's" run, 8 am, 925-0799 or 457-7489.
11 Sun **Jubilee** with the SF Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corp, Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall, SF, 7 pm (415) 431-5400.
11 Sun **Awful Annie's Benefit for Northridge School** for Autistic Children, Old Town Auburn. Music, food, crafts, games, etc. 12 Noon to 6 pm, 885-9857.
12 Mon **CSUS Gay Peoples' Union Coming Out Group,** University Union, Miwok Rm, 4:30 pm, 447-9330.
13 Tue **Advocates for Gay & Lesbian State Employees** meeting, with speaker Assemblyman Art Agnos, Incredible Edible, 6 pm, 427-2688 or 965-6851.
13 Tue **Full Moon Party** at the Wreck Room.
15 Wed **National Organization for Women** general meeting, Kit Carson Middle School, 5301 N Street, 7 pm, 443-3470.
15 Sun **Jubilee** with the SF Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corp, Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall, SF, 7 pm (415) 431-5400.
16 Fri **Gay Peoples' Union Open Door Potluck,** 7:30 pm, 446-1171.
17 Sat **Holly Near Concert,** Sacramento High School Auditorium, 34th & W, 8 pm. Sponsored by Crystal Moon Productions, 421-0144.
17 Sat **Sharon McNight** album release party, Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell, SF, 8 & 10 pm, $6.00, (415) 885-0750.
18 Sun **Parents and Friends of Gays** meeting, 1 pm, 555 Vallombrosa #73, Chico, (916) 342-3181.
18 Sun **CSUS Gay Peoples' Union Movie Nite,** 446-1171.
19 Mon **CSUS Gay Peoples' Union Coming Out Group,** University Union, Miwok Rm, 4:30 pm, 447-9330.
20 Tue **River City Community Center** general meeting, Incredible Edible, 7 pm, 488-2255 or 967-7986.
21 Wed **Man Two Man,** Our River City Family social event for m en, 7:30 pm, 484-7812, 457-7489, or 457-1425.
21 Wed **Attorney Hayden Curry,** speaks on "Legal Strategies for Gays and Lesbians. Anthro Blvd., #108, CSUS Campus, 8 pm, 446-1171.
23 Wed **Our River City Family Card Party,** 484-7812 or 927-6524.
24 Sat **Our River City Family Trip** to Harrah's Auto Museum, Reno, 8 am, 332-7660 or 484-7812.
26 Mon **CSUS Gay Peoples' Union Coming Out Group,** University Union, Miwok Rm, 4:30 pm, 447-9330.
30 Fri **CSUS Gay Peoples' Union Halloween Potluck & Party,** 446-1171.
31 Sat **Women's Halloween Costume Dance,** La Semilla Cultural Center, 312 - 20th Street, 9 pm - 1 am. Tickets on sale at Lioness Books, 2104 Capitol Ave. Proceeds to Lesbian Rights Task Force of NOW.
31 Sat **Our River City Family Halloween Potluck,** 7:30 pm, 484-7812, 927-6524 or 457-7489.
31 Sat **Halloween Party,** Galleria Design Center, San Francisco, sponsored by Conceptual Entertainment, P.O. Box 854, San Francisco 94101.

## NOVEMBER

9 Mon **River City Business Association** general meeting.
10 Tue **Advocates for Gay & Lesbian State Employees** meeting, Incredible Edible, 6 pm, 427-2688 or 965-6851.
11 Wed **Full Moon Party** at the Wreck Room.
15 Sun **Parents and Friends of Gays** meeting, 1 pm, 555 Vallombrosa #73, Chico, (916) 342-3181.
18 Wed **National Organization for Women** general meeting, Kit Carson Middle School, 5301 N Street, 7 pm, 443-3470.

19 Thurs **3rd Anniversary Party for *Mom...Guess What! Newspaper* at The Parking Lot, 8 pm. $3 Donation at the door. No Host Bar. Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres.**

28 Sat **Meg Christian Concert,** Sacramento City College Auditorium, 8 pm, sponsored by Crystal Moon Productions, 421-0144.

## DECEMBER

8 Tue **Advocates for Gay & Lesbian State Employees** meeting, Incredible Edible, 6 pm, 427-2688 or 965-6851.
10 Thur **River City Business Association** general meeting.
11 Fri **Full Moon Party** at the Wreck Room.
12 Sat **Valley Knights Christmas Party,** Turn Verein Hall.
16 Wed **National Organization for Women** general meeting, Kit Carson Middle School, 5301 N Street, 7 pm, 443-3470.
19 Sat **Snow White Champagne Ball for Women,** The Victorian, $15. Call 456-5858 for an invitation.
20 Sun **Parents and Friends of Gays** meeting, 1 pm, 555 Vallombrosa #73, Chico, (916) 342-3181.
23 Wed **Sacto Political Action Caucus** Charter Council meeting, 7 pm, 457-7489.

## LATE TO CLASSIFY CALENDAR LISTINGS

19 Mon March Monitor training for Take Back the Night. TYFFA School of Self Defense, 708 57th Street. 8-9:30 pm. Volunteers needed. Info: 454-5728
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# Theater

**"Crime and Punishment"**, Friday and Saturday at 8:30, Old Eagle Theater, 925 The Embarcadero Old Sacramento.

**"Peter Pan"** — with Sandy Duncan, through Nov 1, Golden Gate Theater, P.O. Box 7342, SF 94120 (415) 775-8800.

**"Sextet"**, Friday and Saturday at 8:30 through Oct 31, Stagedoor Comedy Playhouse, No. 1 Sacramento Inn Plaza.

**"Steppin Out"** — a Cole Porter review, Friday & Saturday, 8 pm; Sunday, 4 pm. Plush Room Cabaret, Hotel York, 940 Sutter, S.F., 885-6800.

**"The Country Wife"** — University of California Davis, Main Theatre, Oct 9, 8:15 pm, $7 general, $4.50 students, 752-1915.

**"The Finest Hour"**, a musical review of the World War II years. Alcazar Theatre, 650 Geary Street, SF, Tuesday - Friday, 8:30. Saturday, 8 & 10 pm, Sunday at 3 & 7:30 pm.

**"The Owl and the Pussycat"** — Garbo's Dinner Theater, 1750 Fulton Avenue. Buffet at 6 pm, curtain at 8 pm, Tuesday - Saturday. Sunday Brunch at noon, matinee follows. 484-1464.

**"The Pirates of Penzance"** — Orpheum Theater, 1192 Market Street, SF (415) 474-3800.

**"The Royal Slave** — or The Terror of El Tiburon", an adaptation of 19th century melodrama, Fridays & Saturdays, 8:30 pm, Sunday at 6 pm, Gaslight Theatre, 720 Sutter Street, Folsom. 985-2093.

# Art Galleries

**Alta Galleries** — Eight avant-garde photographers, through Oct. 10. Tue - Sat, 11:30 - 4:30, 727½ J Street, 446-3806.

**Ancient Art** — original prints and fine reproductions of ancient and primitive art, 2731 G St., 444-8827.

**Artist's Collaborative Gallery** — Works in stained glass and wood through Oct 9, 1007 2nd St., Old Sacramento.

**Crocker Art Museum** — "From Exposition to Exposition: Progressive and Conservative Trends in Northern California Painting, 1915 - 1939", and "Out of State Photos", through Oct 11, "Sacramento Valley Watercolors" by Larry Welden, Oct 3 - Nov 15, 216 O St., 446-4677.

**Earhart's Cafe** — works by Gloria Jackson, Oct 11 - Nov 7, 1905 16th St., 9:30 am - 3 pm, Mon - Sat, 446-0226.

**Higher Works Gallery** — "Fluid Mechanics... or the Butterfly's Metamorphosis" paintings by Walter Rhoads, 3125 Broadway, 739-6291.

**Jennifer Pauls Gallery** — "Suppressed Relics" by Kim Scott and D.R. Wagner, Saturdays & Sundays, 1-5 pm, through Oct. 13. 171 Donner Ave., Roseville.

**Matrix Workshop of Women Artists** — Mixed Artwork, 2424 Castro Way, 452-1814.

**Open Ring** — "Images in Clay", works by Phil Schuster, Yoshio Taylor, Arthur Gonzales and Don Grant, through Oct 24, 1020 K St., 448-2887

**Photographic Art Gallery,** 2419½ J Street, Sacto 447-9091.

**Rara Avis** — Sculpture: Tom Dochterman, David Ewing, Maru Hoeber, Yoshio Taylor and Urbano, through Oct 31. Drawings, mobiles and sculpture by Dorothy Cormack, Tues - Sat 11 am - 6 pm, 1725 I St, 443-3395.

**Weatherstone Coffee House,** works by Mariko San, Graig Morris, Ellen Vogel and Rose Hersted, 812 - 21st St., 442-7161.

**White Gallery** — Paintings by Ladd Rau and Ken Mort through Nov. 1.


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# Organizations & Ongoing Dates

## INFO/SERVICE/SOCIAL

- **ADVOCATES FOR GAY & LESBIAN STATE EMPLOYEES** 2nd Tues., 6 pm, Incredible Edible.
- **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** North Hall Gay Group, Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 pm. Women Only, Wed. 6 pm. Men's Stag. Fri., 6 pm. MCC, 2471 - 34th St. 443-8138.
- **BUTTE COUNTY FELLOWSHIP—CHICO** 3rd Sun., 3 pm, 543-9773.
- **DAVIS LESBIAN AND GAY TASK FORCE/UCD LESBIAN AND GAY STUDENTS UNION** 443 Russell Blvd., Davis 95616. Office hrs. 12-3:30 pm, Mon-Fri, 753-2090.
  **Coming Out Group** Wed. 8 pm, 135 Everson UCD
  **Lesbian Sharing Group** Thurs. 7 pm, UCD Women's Center.
  **Potluck Open To All** every other Fri, 7:30 pm. Call 753-2090 for location.
  **Davis Area Speakers Bureau and Peer Counseling.** 753-2090.
- **GEORGE SAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND** Box 161958, Sacramento, CA 95816. 381-3115.
- **G.N.I.E.** Box 15731, Sac., CA 95852. 1st Tues., 7 pm, Incredible Edible. 448-2255.
- **LADY GARNET PRESENTS** 4601 Lake Rd., W. Sac., CA 95691. 371-2474.
- **MAN TWO MAN** Social support group for relationship-oriented men, Box 161857, Sac., CA 95816. Meetings on Mon. odd months, Wed. even months, 7:30-9:30 pm. 457-7489, 484-7812 or 457-1425.
- **NAPA GAY COLLECTIVE** 24 hr. Hotline. (707) 224-3836.
- **OUR RIVER CITY FAMILY** Social group for women & men. Potluck, last Sat. Council Meeting 2nd Thur. 7:30, Box 161857, Sacramento 95816. 372-7993, 457-7489.
  **Volleyball** every Tues. Jim 457-7489. Doug 927-6524.
- **RIVER CITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION** Gay Business Owners Group, Box 160969, Sac., CA 95816, Every 2nd Thurs, odd months 2nd Monday. 7:30 Social 8:00 meeting. Incredible Edible.
- **RIVER CITY COMMUNITY CENTER** Box 161241, Sacto, CA 95816. General meeting 3rd Tues., 7 pm, Incredible Edible. Planning Committee 1st Tues., 7:30 pm.
- **SAC. GAY PRIDE WEEK COMMITTEE** P.O. Box 2454, Sac. 95811.
- **SAC. GAY SPEAKERS BUREAU** Box 161934, Sac. 95816, General meeting 2nd Wed. of Jan., Apr., Jul., Oct. Linda Rutledge 452-0721, 441-1438.
- **SAC. GREAT OUTDOORS** Camping & Hiking Club. Box 161836, Sacto. 95816, 453-1637, 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm, Incredible Edible.
- **SAC. LESBIANS & GAY MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS** 4th Sunday, 6:30, call for info. 447-2282, 966-5116.
- **SAC. PEACE CENTER** 1917A - 16th St., Sac. Provides draft and military counseling for gay, non-gay, men and women. 446-0787.
- **STANISLAUS GAY ALLIANCE.** Support Group, weekly meetings. Publishes a Newsletter, Box 5163, Modesto, CA. 95352. Last Sun. 800 E. Morris #204, 7:30 pm.
- **VALLEY KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.** Box 8163, Sac. 95818.
- **YOUNG ADULT RAP.** Mon. Eve. Gay Peoples Union, CSUS & ORCF. Doug 927-6524.

## MEDIA

- **MOM...GUESS WHAT! NEWSPAPER** Sacramento's Gay Newspaper, Box 8170, Sac., CA 95818. 456-5858.

## POLITICAL/LEGAL

- **AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION/SAC. CHAPTER** Box 160423, Sac., CA 95816. 3rd Wed., 7:30 pm, County Administration Bldg. 956-3339.
- **FRUITRIDGE DEMOCRATIC CLUB** Box 2103, Sac. 95810. 454-2176.
- **LA SEMILLA CULTURAL CENTER** 312 20th St., Sac. 95814 A leftist community political/cultural center.
- **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION** 1401 21st St., #203, Sac. 95814. 4th Wed, 7 pm, City Hall. 444-6903.
- **SACRAMENTO POLITICAL ACTION CAUCUS (SacPAC)** Box 161694, Sac., CA 95816. General Meeting 1st Tues. 7:30 pm. 457-7489.

## RELIGION

- **DIGNITY** Box 161765, Sac., CA 95816. Mass & meeting, 2nd Sun., 3 pm, St. Francis Chapel, 26th & K St. 448-3777.
- **METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH** 2741 34th St. Box 5282, Sac., CA 95817, Sun 11 am, 7:15 pm; Wed. 7:15 pm. 454-4762.
- **S.D.A. KINSHIP/SACRAMENTO:** Lesbian/Gay Seventh-day Adventists and Friends. Potluck/meeting, 2nd Sat. Box 181, Sac. 95801. 447-1093.

## STUDENT

- **ARC GAY PEOPLE'S UNION** 4700 College Oak Dr., Sac. CA 95841.
- **CHICO STATE GAY PEOPLE'S UNION** CSU Chico, CA 95926.
- **GAY PEOPLE'S UNION, CSUS** 6000 J St., Sac., CA 95819 Potlucks every other Fri.
- **GAY PEOPLE'S UNION—CSUS & ORCF,** Mon. evening young adult rap, Doug 927-6524.
- **SCC GAY PEOPLE'S UNION** Every Tues., 12 Noon or 7 pm, MN 229. 447-5491.
- **YUBA COLLEGE GAY PEOPLE'S UNION** Marysville, Every Wed., 12 Noon, RM 121A. (916) 673-5377.

## WOMEN

- **CAMPING WOMEN** Sacramento Chapter, 7378 Network St., Sac. 95822. 391-2938.
- **CSUS WOMEN'S CENTER** 6000 J St., Sac., CA 95819. 454-6817.
- **LAVENDER WOMENS SOCIAL CLUB.** 332-8189, 391-4386, 334-1152.
- **NAT'L ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN** Box 1404, Sac., CA 95807. 3rd Wed., 7 pm, Kit Carson Middle School, J Street & Folsom Blvd. 443-3470.
- **SACRAMENTO WOMEN'S CENTER and RAPE CRISIS CENTER** 2104 Capitol Ave., Sac., CA 95816. 442-4657.
- **WOMEN OVER 35** Box 161194, Sac. 95816. Potluck, 3rd Sat., 7 pm, Dean, 371-3496.
- **WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER** 6000 J St., Sac., CA 95819 454-6817.


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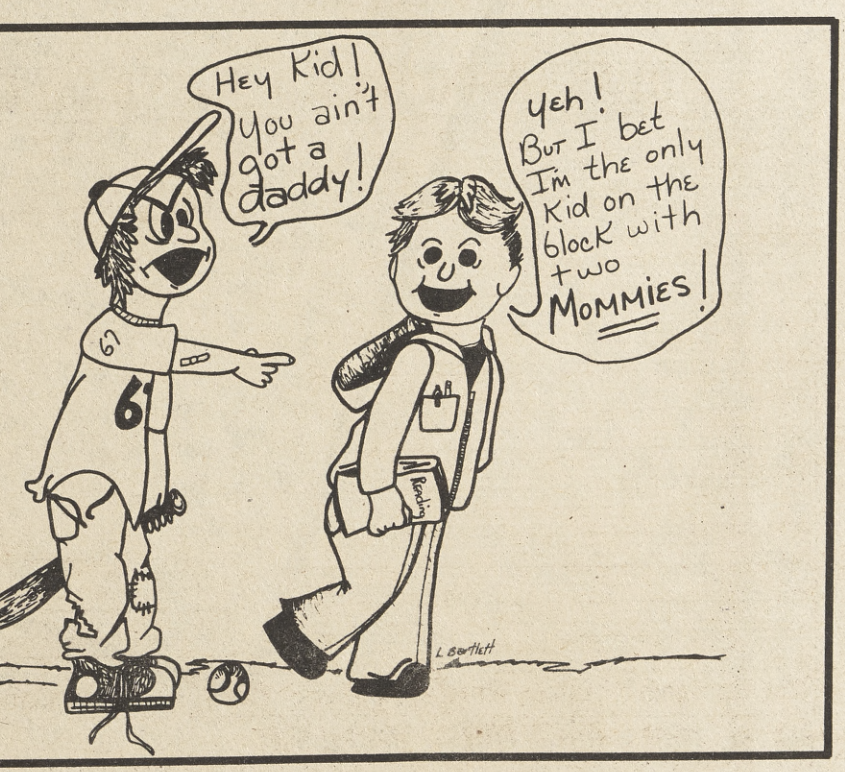

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# LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER

Dear Readers:

Over the past three years, **Mom. . . Guess What! Newspaper** has brought to the gay community and its friends an ongoing flow of news, views, and current happenings geared not only to inform but also to entertain, to excite, and certainly to endear. Our writers continue to bring the changing profiles of our community to you, the reader. Interest, concern, shared good-times, and, most importantly, pride in who we are and what we are has always been the motivating force behind everything we bring to you. We have been reaching out to you in all facets of your lives. You have obviously appreciated and enjoyed it. With this in mind, I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to join with us in making this effort even more of a success.

Presently, Mom. . . Guess What! Newspaper reaches most of Northern California. In addition to its home base, Sacramento, we're growing into all of your communities: the Russian River, San Francisco, San Jose, Mendocino, Redding, Chico, Modesto, Stockton, Reno, Nevada City, Tahoe, and more. Because we want to bring the news relevant to your surroundings in the best possible way, I want to call on those of you with a flair for news, an eye for art, and a taste for good food, or even a camera to seriously consider sending us your story or reviews.

Further, in this quest for new talent, **Mom. . . Guess What! Newspaper** would like to make you an offer. (Not a big one, but a token of our appreciation.) Those of you out there who take the time to write us a story or send us a picture that we use will receive a subscription to **Mom. . . Guess What! Newspaper** for a year.

We're not interested in bribing you. We want you to feel a part of your paper. It is the vehicle, we are the means, and **You Are The Force.** Perhaps you don't feel you write well enough to be published, that your pictures are a little too amateurish, and all those excuses. We'll decide that. Your involvement is what we need; your sending us new and exciting stories, reviews, calendar events, whatever, is what we want.

Take a moment to think about it. In your neck of the woods, are you and your friends being recognized for the quality of their lives, the hard work put into making your town, your community what it is? Bring your story to all Northern California gays and their friends. We have for three years, we love it, and we want you to help us improve on it. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Linda D. Birner
Publisher